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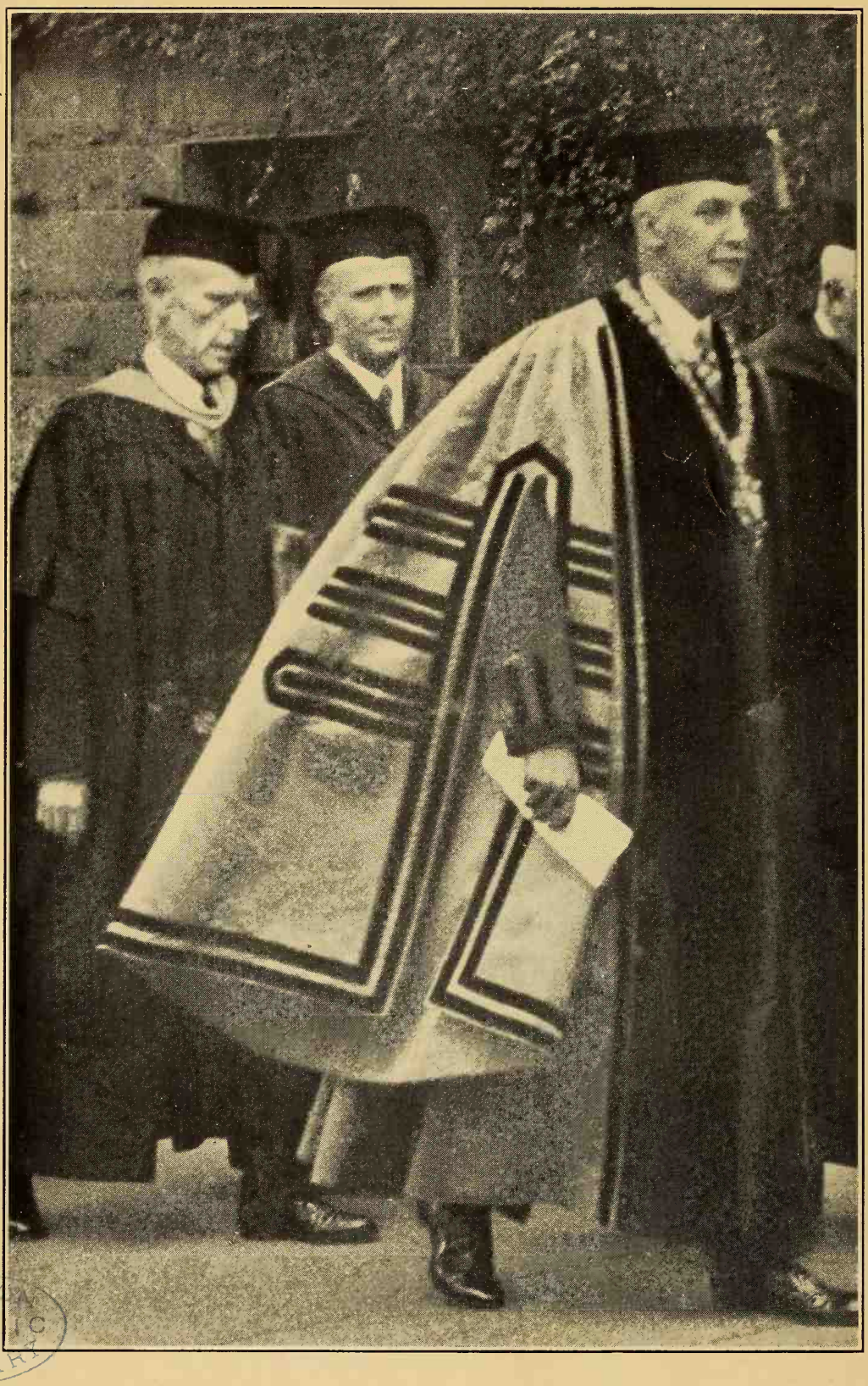

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for Six Generations

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from his son John Seymour of Hartford

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OF MY FATHER

HENRY ALBERT SEYMOUR

"Oh, call back yesterday, bid time return!"

"We are in no danger of falling into too great a reverence
for the things of antiquity."

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The present volume is not a complete genealogy of the Seymour family. It contains a full account of the descendants of Richard Seymour the Colonist on all branches through the sixth generation. Beyond the sixth generation, it is limited to the branch of John[2] Seymour, one of the Colonist's sons.

Permission first having been granted to use the extensive Morris manuscripts, our account in the first instance was based on them. It was greatly amplified when the Talcott manuscripts became available, containing as they do family records which Miss Talcott obtained over fifty years ago. Miss Crawford's collection, at many points necessarily duplicating data obtained from the first two sources, was helpful in adding details to some of the incompletely traced branches.

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INTRODUCTION

THE ENGLISH ORIGIN

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INTRODUCTION

In which the author under the influence of the immortal Cervantes tells the story of this book, and introduces to the reader a Professor of Greek, a big-game hunter, a professional genealogist, a Chief Justice of Connecticut, a Governor of New York, a General in the United States Army, a member of Congress, a well-known feminist, the first mayor of Hartford, an antiquarian, English searchers, other interested persons, a parody, a verse of poetry, and a verse of scripture. To many members of the family this will be an unwelcome story. Alas, but the author feels that he has no option but to tell it.—For did not Cervantes say, "History is a sacred kind of writing, because truth is essential to it."

The author's passion for genealogy goes back to his earliest years, when as a small boy he stood by his maternal grandmother's chair and listened, entranced, to stories of her "background with figures" —the background being her grandfather's fine farm in the outskirts of Newington, and the figures her grandfather and grandmother Wells and their large household. Born Laura Wells, she was doubly descended from Governor Thomas Welles of Connecticut, a connection that brought in the Wolcotts and Appletons, of which she was also proud. The author's first desire as a collector was sometime to acquire the gold loop earrings shown in her portrait, and ultimately he did acquire them, but only by acquiring the canvas itself, a primitive, if you please, but greatly admired by no less a judge than the late John LaFarge. The author also well remembers a fruitless boyhood search with his own father among the tombstones in the ancient burying-ground on Town Hill, New Hartford, for some memorial of John Seymour, 3d, one of the first settlers of the town, where he died in 1758, and that search, perhaps, began the taste for tombstones, evidenced in this volume, that the author has always had. How he came, at the end of life, to be the author of this volume will appear in the course of its Introduction.

Upwards of a hundred years ago, Nathan Perkins Seymour (1813-1891), a native of Hartford, in the line of John Seymour, grandson of Richard Seymour, the Colonist, began the collection of data for a History of the Seymour Family. About 1870 the work was taken up and carried on by his niece, Miss Mary Kingsbury Talcott (1847-1917), a born genealogist and antiquarian, who was greatly assisted by contributions of data from other members of the family; among them Judge Origen S. Seymour of Litchfield, some-

time Chief Justice of Connecticut; Governor Horatio Seymour of New York; General Truman Seymour, U. S. A.; Mrs. Clara E. Seymour Morris of Chicago, mother of Mr. Seymour Morris; and many others, including the author, another born antiquarian, collector, and genealogist.

Miss Talcott's most active years in collecting data about the family seem to have been from 1880 to 1900. Even before the latter date she was already busy as professional genealogist and as author of historical articles for books and periodicals, but attempts made from time to time to get her to prepare her Seymour Family material for publication all failed, and one reason for her thus holding back the compilation of her material is certainly to be found in a story which the author has now to relate, not for pleasure, but for the reason that, as Cervantes said, "the writing of history is a sort of sacred writing, because truth is essential to it." Miss Talcott, throughout her lifetime, had a high reputation as an accurate genealogist, and it may well be thought that she was unwilling to publish any History of the Seymour Family until an alleged family Bible that purported to connect Richard Seymour, the Colonist, with the ducal family of Somerset should be either disproved or confirmed.

About 1880, a member of the family who was wholly unknown to the Hartford or Litchfield or Utica branches of it appeared "out of the blue," as it were, in Hartford, with what purported to be a Bible that had been handed down through the generations, even from Richard Seymour, the Colonist. It was a mutilated copy of the so-called "Bishop's Bible," printed in 1584, and it contained inserts in the form of drawings and written material that, if true, connected Richard Seymour with the highest English nobility. At the time of its production the Bible was, most unfortunately, not subjected to even the ordinary rules of evidence as to its history and as to the intrinsic character of its insertions, but it was, also most unfortunately, made known to the family at large throughout the country and was accepted "as Gospel" by many of them. That even Miss Talcott, indeed, was in a measure responsible for circulating the story of the Bible her own correspondence appears to indicate, and to claim that the present author had wholly escaped the infection or had always refused to follow leading members of the family in falling for the "strawberry leaves" and the ducal family would be idle. He does not, however, recall any time when he did not have misgivings about it all, and from the moment that he learned of certain entries, soon

to be described, in the Parish Records of Sawbridgeworth, County Herts, he was entirely disillusioned.

It should here be made clear, perhaps, that in 1880 the science of genealogy was still in its infancy in this country, that few Americans were then qualified to pass on claims as to the English connections of American colonists, and that Miss Talcott herself was only beginning her career in this field. Later, indeed, she felt the need of substantiating the allegations of the Bible through British documentary sources, and when in 1914 she went to England, one of the objects of her visit was definitely either to confirm or to disaffirm the ancestry set forth in the Bible. At the behest of other descendants of Richard Seymour, among them the Hon. Henry W. Seymour, M. C., with whom the author became acquainted while he too was a resident of Washington, the most exhaustive researches, over the course of the years, were undertaken abroad by several competent genealogists, but all of them failed utterly to establish the connection alleged in the Bible. On the contrary, half a dozen genealogists of repute, including Colonel Vivian, in his day the best-known authority on Devonshire families, and Henry F. Waters, an expert never excelled in the Anglo-American field, to whom photographs of the Bible entries were submitted, unanimously declined to accept the handwriting as script of the period when Richard Seymour and his son John flourished.

Meanwhile, the whole matter of the publication of a history of the family lay in abeyance, and it so happened that in 1914 Mr. J. Gardner Bartlett, an American professional genealogist, then living in England, was commissioned to investigate the English ancestry of the celebrated Chauncey family. His search took him to Sawbridgeworth, County Herts, where he found in the parish records entries regarding one Richard Seymour, his wife Mercy Ruscoe, and his son Thomas, and other members of both families. The dates of this Richard Seymour, his wife Mercy, and his son Thomas, when compared with corresponding dates of a Richard Seymour and his wife Mercy and his son Thomas, all as contained in Connecticut records, together with other significant facts, left no room for doubt that Mr. Bartlett had found the English home of Richard Seymour, the Colonist, who appeared in Hartford about 1639.

Mr. Bartlett forthwith embodied his discoveries in a comprehensive report, which for a consideration he offered in turn to two or three branches of the Seymour family in America, but all of them were unwilling to give it any credence or attention, until at length it

was brought to the attention of the present author, always a "doubting Thomas" about the entries in the so-called "Seymour Bible." He was enabled to buy the report, and he ultimately published it, in substance, in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* of 1917.

Due, in part at least, to the publication of Mr. Bartlett's report, the late Mr. Seymour Morris of Chicago, who accepted it without question and who despaired of the publication of the material collected by Miss Talcott, went ahead on his own account, collected data, and published in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* in 1918 and 1919 three installments of a proposed history of the family. Mr. Morris's work was unfortunately brought to a close by his death in 1921.

In 1934 the present author, whose active interest in a History of the Seymour Family had begun at least as early as when he went to Washington to live in 1878 and began corresponding with Miss Talcott, determined to carry Mr. Morris's work to a conclusion. Mr. Morris's widow deposited his papers, including his unpublished data, with the New England Historic Genealogical Society of Boston, and through the good offices of Mr. Jacobus, editor of the present work, the papers were made available by the Society. Mr. Jacobus then at long last began to prepare a comprehensive History of the Seymour Family, at first based on Mr. Morris's published and unpublished work. After the work was well under way Miss Katherine Seymour Day of Hartford, who had inherited a trunkfull of Miss Talcott's correspondence, consented to make it, too, available to Mr. Jacobus, and he then went forward to compile the present work, combining the collections of Miss Talcott with the work of Mr. Morris. No attempt was made to collect any large amount of new material, but it was decided to carry all of the descendants of the Colonist down to the sixth generation, in order that subsequent workers in the field should have no difficulty in bringing the lines down to date.

From the first, however, the author determined not to go to publication with any History of the Seymour Family until the authenticity of the so-called "Seymour Bible" had been settled for good or for ill. When, in the "revolving years," the person who had sprung the Bible "out of the blue" in Hartford died in Brookline (1906) and was "gathered to his fathers," the Bible was acquired from his widow by two members of the Connecticut family, but they too implicitly believed in its authenticity, and in their hands it was still unavailable for

subjection to ordinary rules of evidence. Thirty years and more passed and the problem presented by the Bible remained unsolved, until at last the Bible came to the hands of its present owner, happily cooperative, who allowed it to be put into the hands of the Librarian of Yale University, who in turn put it into the hands of competent experts for examination. The unequivocal report of the experts is that the Bible entries are forgeries.

And so we come to the story of the Bible itself, but first it must be explained that in June, 1881, the Bible's first owner, who was in funds, bought a house in Newport, on which the mortgage was foreclosed three years later, in 1884. During those few years, as is supposed, the owner of the Bible had a die made with the full ducal arms, which he used for embossing his own personal stationery; he had a similar seal cut, of which he sent impressions to Mr. Nathan Perkins Seymour, then a professor at Western Reserve College, at Hudson, Ohio; he had a handsome book-plate engraved with the full ducal arms; and he had the arms displayed on his Newport house. How much the display of the ducal arms in these several forms contributed to his Newport establishment may easily be surmised.

Also in the summer of 1881, probably in August, Professor Nathan Perkins Seymour was visiting in his native Hartford, and the Bible was shown to him and of course excited his great interest and curiosity. He was even allowed to remove bits of a sheet of paper that was pasted over what appeared to be writing on the inside of the front cover of the book, and had the owner, supposedly present, cooperated with him and allowed him to remove all of the paper, the great delusion about the Bible would have been dispelled then and there, over half a century ago, and Professor Nathan Perkins Seymour would be the hero of this narrative. The owner, however, seems to have lacked curiosity, or to have begun even then to suspect that he had been "taken in" when (as will shortly appear) he bought the Bible, and although in a letter to Professor Seymour, dated at Newport, August 12, 1881, he announced his intention of peeling off all the paper, he never did so. His letter to Professor Seymour, embossed with the full arms of the ducal family of Somerset, contained this paragraph:

> When I have peeled off all the paper and laid bare the writing upon the cover of the Bible, I will send you a transcript, but from what you took off, I judge that it is nothing but someone's careless scribbling during the present century and of no account whatever.

When the paper was finally peeled off by an expert employed by the Librarian of Yale University, the following inscription was uncovered:

George Cole's Book
the Gift of his dear
friend Richard [ ]
the twenty third of the
Eleventh Month
One thousand Eight Hundred
Twenty One

On February 2, 1882, about six months after the near-revealing session between Professor Nathan Perkins Seymour and the owner of the Bible, the latter deposited the Bible (and took a receipt for it) in the vault of a Boston bank, and there it remained until after his death in 1906. As far as is known, it was seen during all of this period by only one member of the family. In the latter part of 1901 or in 1902 it was shown to Henry W. Seymour of Washington, but only in the ante-room of the vault. Some time about 1891 the author made a special trip to Boston for the purpose of seeing the Bible with his own eyes, but all he saw was its owner, then living in Brookline, apparently in reduced circumstances. The author had, of course, long had photographs of the significant pages of the Bible, secured from a Newport photographer, and he explained to the owner the object of his visit and his own belief that the Bible ought to be submitted to expert examination, but he was obliged to return to New Haven without seeing it. The reason seems obvious enough. Had he appeared, not as a "doubting Thomas," but as a true believer, his journey to Boston might not have been in vain.

Since the actual examination of the Bible by experts, the author, not content with that alone, has undertaken further to unravel its history and has learned from persons close to the family of the owner's widow that the owner did not acquire the Bible by descent. He bought it. About the owner himself the author learned that he had a good record in the Civil War; that he had hunted big game in South America; and had hunted a fortune in Java; and none of these experiences can have prepared him to pass on the authenticity of the Bible when it was offered to him for purchase. It may be surmised that he was persuaded by the dealer of the genuineness of the entries in the Bible, and that he therefore welcomed the chance, as he viewed it, to bring the ownership of the Bible back into the family.

That the Bible could not have gone to the owner by descent ought, in fact, long since to have been apparent, especially to Miss Talcott. In the trunk containing her papers, as may now be told, was found a sheet of the Bible owner's correspondence paper, embossed with the ducal arms of Somerset, and on the paper, in the owner's handwriting, is a schedule of his claimed descent from Richard the Colonist, but the schedule is incorrect. It postulates his descent from Thomas[3] Seymour of Hartford, the grandfather of the First Mayor, rather than from Zachariah[3] Seymour, youngest son of John[2], a younger son of the Colonist. In other words, the owner's own conception of his place in the family was entirely wrong. The improbability that a family Bible of the highest import should have descended through younger sons in nearly every generation ought alone, it must be thought, to have been enough to put Miss Talcott, and others in the family who accepted the Bible, on their guard. The schedule of the owner's claimed descent is not dated and not accompanied by any letter, but presumably, it was submitted to Miss Talcott at the same time that the Bible itself was first called to her attention, back about 1880 or 1881.

Nor is this the only evidence long available that denies the ancestry set forth in the Bible. On September 2, 1816, Thomas Seymour, the venerable First Mayor of Hartford, then in his eighty-first year, entered in a "Memorandum Book" that had belonged to his father an attested statement which he called "a summary of the origin of my ancestors from their very first coming from England and settlement in this Town"; and since 1892, when Dr. Parker's "History of the Second Church in Hartford" was published, the First Mayor's statement has been easily accessible to all. "For more than two hundred years," says Dr. Parker in his *History*, "this Seymour family maintained an unbroken continuity of membership in this Church or Society which John Seamer helped to found, and for the greater part of that time exercised a commanding influence in its affairs"; and he quotes the First Mayor's statement, which is in part as follows:

> A summary of the origin of my ancestors from their first coming from England and settlement in this Town, and of the time of their births and deaths, so far as appears from old Books and entries found and now in my possession, and the information of old people now deceased.

> *Richard Seymour,* from England, was the first of the name, and amongst the early settlers of the Town, and from whom the numerous families of that name (it is said) have descended in America, particularly in this Town and in Connecticut. He had several sons, one of which was named *John,* my great-grandfather, and settled in this Town. Another of them settled in Norwalk, whose posterity remain there till this day. *Capt. Thomas Seymour,* the son of John, died August 30th, 1740, aged 72. His mother's name was Watson.
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> *Thomas Seymour, Esq.,* my Father, died March, 1767, aged 62. He was a Deacon of the 2d Church, Justice of the Peace, King's attorney, &c., &c.: married in the year 1730 to Hepzibah Merrel, Daughter of Deacon Daniel Merrel.* ..... Attest, Sept. 2d, 1816. T. Seymour, aged 81 years, & 6 months, the 17th day of this month.

As to what purpose the First Mayor had in mind in making this sworn statement there is now no evidence, but it is clear that he was very serious about it, as he specifically says that he consulted "old Books and entries found and now in my possession, and the information of old people now deceased." The statement itself, moreover, appears to be in every respect correct, and no doubt exists either as to the authenticity of the "Memorandum Book," which is dated 1747, or as to the fact that the First Mayor himself made the statement quoted from it. At the time the statement was made, the First Mayor was the virtual head of the American Seymour Family. He was a college-bred man (Yale, 1755), as was his father before him (Yale, 1724); he had an enviable position at the bar, as had his father before him; he had been King's Attorney, as had his father before him; he had been State's Attorney after the Revolution; he had been the First Mayor of Hartford, which position he held for twenty-seven years; he and his family had occupied a first social position in the community; and he was great-grandson of John Seymour, through whom the so-called "Seymour Bible" purported to have descended to the person who produced it about 1880. Yet in the carefully worded and attested statement of this distinguished man there is not the least suggestion of the existence of any family Bible or of any knowledge about Richard the Colonist except the bare statement that he came from

* The writer listed here, before attesting, the births of the children of Thomas and Hepzibah (Merrel) Seymour, including his own. To present the attested statement as nearly as possible in its original form, the author has omitted some explanatory detail which Dr. Parker inserted in square brackets. The full statement will be found at page 134 of the "History of the Second Church of Christ in Hartford," by Edwin Pond Parker, published at Hartford in 1892.

England. The First Mayor was grandson of Richard's grandson; his branch of the family had resided continuously in Hartford; and if there had been among the "old people now deceased" any knowledge or tradition of a family Bible or of noble descent or connections, it is inconceivable that he would not have referred to it in his statement. The lack of any such reference is almost conclusive evidence that no tradition of the kind was known among the older members of the family, even though they were, both in line and descent, close to Richard the Colonist.

When the First Mayor's sworn statement became easily accessible with the publication of Dr. Parker's *History* in 1892, only about a decade after the appearance of the Bible in Hartford, there was every reason for Miss Talcott and for all believers in the Bible to be on their guard. It may be, indeed, that Miss Talcott was already familiar with the statement, but it is also quite possible that she never knew of it at all until Dr. Parker's book appeared, and in either case it is more than likely that she did not fully appreciate its significance. In 1916, however, the present author communicated to her the news of the Bartlett report, with the discovery of the entries in the Parish Records of Sawbridgeworth, and she then at once foresaw that when the report was made known to the family at large, the publication of a family history on her part would be made very difficult. The author is constrained to believe that while her faith in the so-called "Seymour Bible" must have been shaken long before the blow actually fell, she had never seriously entertained the thought that the Bible was an out-and-out forgery or that it had been bought by the person who produced it.

Other members of the family, too, failed to see the significance of the First Mayor's statement, and in spite of its publication in Dr. Parker's book, the efforts to confirm the forged entries in the Bible were continued for years thereafter, showing, it must be declared, not so much that the believers were gullible as that they were human, eager to exalt their own ancestry, one of the oldest weaknesses of the race. Exalted claims of noble if not royal ancestry have been made, at one time or another, for nearly every old American family. The *Encyclopaedia Britannica* says of genealogies published in this country that many "combine the results of laborious research in American records with extravagant and unfounded claims concerning the European origin of the families dealt with." One after an-

other, these claims have been examined and rejected by the better-informed of our native genealogists, only to reappear with undiminished splendor in the next publication, due we must suppose to indifference or to stubborn vanity. In passing, we must refer to the sad demolition, as recently as April 1938 in *The American Genealogist,* of the oldest and most cherished of our Connecticut "pedigrees of delusion,"—the Haynes-Harlakenden descent from the Plantagenets has now been proclaimed a myth!

The author, indeed, opines, though he be put down a cynic for saying so, that there are thousands of Americans of the old stock who would far rather trace their descent from Edward Seymour, First Duke of Somerset, than from Richard Seymour of Sawbridgeworth, even though the latter may be thought to have sired a finer race of men than the former. The author cannot refrain from inserting here a parody that has long amused him and that will be readily recognized by all readers of Tennyson.

> Of course 'tis noble to be good,
> But what are hearts to coronets
> And simple faith to Norman blood.

The task of "tearing the strawberry leaves," so to speak, from the brows of the American Seymours is not a grateful one to the author and is not commending him to many members of his family; but then he reflects that, as our own Bryant tells us,

> Truth crushed to earth shall rise again,—
> The eternal years of God are hers;
> But Error, wounded, writhes in pain,
> And dies among his worshippers.

Nor can he forget the words of a still greater writer: "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18).

The fact is that from the time the author first decided to publish the present book it has been his intention to discuss the Bible at length. He has been advised that this is not necessary, that it is quite sufficient simply to state that expert examination has proved the Bible a forgery, but since many people, as the author feels sure, do not value expert opinion, and since different experts may, in fact, give different opinions, it has seemed necessary to give some history of the Bible, quite apart from what any expert says about

it. When Mr. Jacobus had access to Miss Talcott's papers, moreover, he found a great body of letters from members of the family, all thrilled at the idea of noble descent, and it is to them and to their offspring that a complete explanation is due.

To-day the Bible plainly appears to be what it is—a crude forgery that was produced under circumstances so suspicious in themselves that acceptance, even tentatively, by so many members of the family seems incredible. The particular copy of the Bishop's Bible used by the forger had been rebound at some remote period; it lacks some twenty pages, including the title-page; and from what the author can learn, its auction-room value in 1880, as an imperfect copy, can have been only a trifling sum. What the person who first bought it paid for it will, of course, never be known, but at his death in 1906 his widow sold it to a believer for a very substantial price. With the forgeries made a part of it, its worth proved to be many times what it could have brought merely as a defective copy of a famous old edition of the Bible.

Some years ago the author had a slide made from a photograph of a page of the Bible that purported to give an account of some commercial transaction. In what appeared to be a specimen of genuine seventeenth century handwriting, the account had been written over and so changed as to bring the name "Seymour" into it, and when the slide was thrown on the screen, the changed inscription was palpably the work of a forger. At about the same time the author employed Mr. Jacobus, now the editor of this book, but also well known for his familiarity with old handwriting, to examine photographs of the Bible, and Mr. Jacobus then reported that the entries bore evidence of being faked. This was years before the Bible was submitted to expert examination through the good offices of Mr. Keogh, the Yale Librarian, and years before the author had gone into the history of the Bible and proved to his own satisfaction that the person who first displayed it never inherited it, but actually bought it.

In the old days, or had one better say "in the lost years," Miss Talcott told the author over and over again that she was prepared to enrich her data with many stories of the family that she had gathered from her elders and kinsfolk in Hartford, and the author began at an early date to collect illustrations for her use; but she never got around to making notes of her vast stores of personal

material, now impossible to recover, and the author, quite naturally, long ago abandoned his idea of collecting illustrations for her use. He has, however, done what he could to collect material about the First Mayor of Hartford and his family, and he has been able to pick up several illustrations of the First Mayor's belongings, to represent him, in a way, in lieu of his portrait, which was destroyed. As the author is publishing this book entirely at his own expense, he has naturally chosen such illustrations as suit his own feelings or as happen to be at hand. Any compiler of a family history knows how hard it is to secure data from members of the family. Letters and pictures are withheld, apparently, for no better reason than indifference. Any member of the family who is disposed to criticise the work is free to try his own hand at writing and publishing a history to suit his own taste.

If the author had begun back in 1880 or thereabouts to collect basic material for this history, he would have asked in his questionnaire for information regarding the height, size, color of eyes, hair and skin, and facial characteristics. He would also have called for portraits and pictures of houses and of matters of family tradition. In this way he might peradventure have collected enough material to predicate characteristics of the family as a race. Miss Talcott reached the conclusion that the spirit was martial and it does appear that many men were engaged in the different wars notably as officers as well as in the ranks.

As for the inordinate family pride with which the members of the family have long been charged, it must be admitted as true so far as the Hartford branch descended from the first John Seymour of Hartford is concerned. This pride long antedates the appearance of the alleged Seymour Bible. The author leaves it to the readers of this book to determine the reasons for this pride, but will not add more himself except to say that so far as his experience goes the members of the family have not suffered from what is now described as an "inferiority complex." It is often said that pride of blood is less to be condemned than pride of purse. Money getting has never been a family characteristic. No more has display on the part of those who had it. Despite the high social position occupied for years by groups of the family in Hartford and Litchfield, Conn., and in Utica and Cazenovia, N. Y., the family has been free from anything like ostentation. They built no notably fine estates and in general paid little attention to the appa-

nages of wealth and social caste. Even their mortuary remains (and the author deplores it) are meagre and insignificant, and one is reminded of the attitude of the high-born Wyllyses in that regard. No monument of any sort can be found to-day to the First Mayor of Hartford, and the stones erected to some members of his family have been allowed to fall into decay.

In conclusion, it may be said that the records at Sawbridgeworth and elsewhere indicate that Richard the Colonist and his wife Mercy were far removed from the arms-bearing class; but the fact remains that over two and a quarter centuries have passed since the day in 1712 when Thomas Seymour of Norwalk, English-born eldest son of the Colonist, being then very "sicke and weak," sealed his will with a small seal (which seal may be seen to-day in the State Library in Hartford) charged with the wings forming the paternal coat of the Seymours of Penhow. That Thomas Seymour used a seal for any other purpose than to comply with the common law requirement of a seal of some kind is wholly incredible, and that any contemporary who saw the seal on the document had the faintest idea what those wings signified is almost equally so, but it is certain that a relatively poor man, living in a pioneer settlement, would not have thought of having a seal cut to "exalt his horn" and would have had no opportunity for doing so, if he had thought of it. The actual impression on the will, moreover, shows that it was made from a seal that was already old and worn. The seal from which it was made must have been brought to this country by Richard the Colonist, whose original will no longer exists to show whether it too was sealed with the same seal.

Since the above was written, Stewart Mitchell's biography of "Horatio Seymour of New York" has been issued (1938) by the Harvard University Press. Dr. Mitchell comments (page 4) on the will of Thomas Seymour in 1712, "to which he affixed a seal with wings that recalled [*sic*] those of the arms of the great house of Seymour of Penhow," and reaches the astonishing conclusion that he "had probably used the first seal which came to hand, with never a thought of its significance or any knowledge of what it might resemble." Such an explanation will hardly satisfy students of heraldry,—nor, for the matter of that, should it satisfy students of history. The wings on the seal do not *recall* or *resemble,* to use his own terms, the wings of the Seymours of Penhow; beyond question

they *are* the "two wings conjoined in lure" of the Penhow family. To suppose that Thomas Seymour reached for "the first seal which came to hand," and inadvertently, in that primitive colonial hamlet, picked up the actual seal of the historic Seymour family, is to ask us to believe in miracles. Heraldic symbols were exceedingly rare in that time and place, and when one was used it was not by chance. The author has examined dozens of wills of Fairfield County residents in the period between 1700 and 1720, and saw only one other which was sealed with an unmistakable heraldic device, most of the wills being sealed with red wax bearing no impression or with seals of conventional non-heraldic designs.

If Thomas Seymour of Norwalk "used the first seal which came to hand," and the author concedes that as likely, then we are constrained to believe that he used his own seal ring, and that it was an heirloom which, although his generation may not have been aware of it, pointed to a remote connection with the Seymours of Penhow, though possibly the connection may have been derived through the Seymers of Dorsetshire* rather than through the Devonshire, later the ducal, branch of the ancient family, both of which used the "two wings conjoined in lure," as on the seal of Thomas.

Moreover, Thomas Seymour, Esq. (1705-1767), of Hartford, grand-nephew of Thomas of Norwalk, sealed his will with a seal bearing the same wings, and his son, the First Mayor of Hartford, did the same. This shows that both the First Mayor and his father had an appreciation of the value of arms-bearing ancestry and that a knowledge or tradition of the right to display the Seymour wings had surely been transmitted to them. This fact makes it all the more likely, however, that if the First Mayor had had any specific knowledge of noble ancestry, he would have embodied the tradition in the attested statement, already quoted, that he made on September 2, 1816.

Whether any attempt to trace the family in England further back than John Seymour, grandfather of Richard the Colonist, can be anything but futile, is extremely doubtful. Mr. Bartlett tried to do so, but without success, for the simple reason that the search took him into a period when parish records were not compulsory. The author also employed Mr. Bartlett to make further investigations along the line of the Colonist's grandfather, but without

*See "Richard Seymer of the Popham Colony," Appendix.

finding any clue. Mr. Bartlett's opinion was that Richard's grandfather had come from a different locality. The author subsequently employed Mr. Jacobus too, through his English correspondents, to make further searches, but again without success. For his own part, the author feels that the record of the family in this country is sufficient in itself. The American Seymours have been men and women of character, high breeding, integrity, and devotion to public service, and until the unfortunate appearance of the so-called "Seymour Bible," they were without any pretense to noble ancestry. The ghost of the Bible has now been laid. It was General Truman Seymour who said:*

> Except as a motive of curiosity there is little to be gained by settling the question [the English origin of the family]. The American Seymours are quite as respectable as the English and have nothing to ask, in dignity, from any relationship.
>
> G. D. S.

*In a letter, 28 May 1881.

THE ENGLISH ORIGIN OF RICHARD AND MERCY SEYMOUR

In which the editor examines and interprets the evidence in Sawbridgeworth in Old England, in Hartford, and in Norwalk; respecting the origin of Richard Seymour, the colonist; all showing how conclusive circumstantial evidence may be.

The late Mr. J. Gardner Bartlett, an expert genealogist who specialized in the English field, while conducting searches in Hertfordshire in connection with another family, found by accident the clue which led to the discovery of the origin of the American Seymours. After the data he discovered had been offered to other members of the Seymour family, the information was purchased by the author, who contributed it in 1917 to the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* in which it was published (vol. 71, pp. 105-115). For full details of the English connections, the reader is referred to that publication.

Some twenty-five miles north-east of London, in the contiguous counties of Essex and Hertfordshire, traces are found in the sixteenth century of a family which spelled its name variously Seymer, Seymor, Seamer and Semer. The orthography employed at that period by country vicars means very little, but it is worthy of note that the spelling earliest used and most frequently used was *Seymer.* This was the form of the surname preferred by the Seymers of Dorsetshire,* a gentry family which displayed the arms (with differences) of the Seymours of Devonshire, later the ducal house.

The members of the family in Hertfordshire were, at this period, largely of the small yeoman and tradesman class. The social status of any family at a given period of time is no indication of the ancestry of that family. The Tudor period in England was one of rapid change and mobility. The older Plantagenet aristocracy had suffered severe losses during the Wars of the Roses; many of its members had fallen in battles, and many more had lost their estates by attainder or, as we should say, by confiscation. Many new families had risen to power and position, trailing the Tudor fortunes. Some of these, sneered at as "Tudor upstarts," were of extremely humble origin, and this was so notorious that Elizabethan heralds found it a profit-

*For some account of this family, see Appendix.

able business to invent pedigrees for "gentlemen" who lacked any real claim to "gentle blood."

There are records of retired pirates who bought manors with the proceeds of their villainy and founded families of distinction. On the other side of the picture, the owners of manors—the "minor gentry"—often apprenticed younger sons to learn trades. Younger sons of younger sons of the older aristocracy not uncommonly descended to the ranks of the unlanded laborers. When, at a little later period, the last Duke of Northumberland of the male-line Percy family died, the claimant to one of the proudest titles in England was a humble trunk-maker of Dublin.

With these reflections in mind, we turn to the records of Sawbridgeworth (a name locally pronounced "Sapsearth"), a rural parish in co. Herts, which extends to the eastern boundary line of this county and borders on co. Essex. Here in 1605 "John Seymer y^{e} elder was buryed y^{e} xxiijth day of October." A man of sufficient substance to make a will, John Seymer had married, for his second wife, 9 May 1562, Dyzory Porter. His eldest son, Robert Seymer, was baptized at Sawbridgeworth 30 Nov. 1573, married there 14 Nov. 1603, Elizabeth Waller, baptized there 12 Dec. 1578, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bayford) Waller, and was buried there 23 Aug. 1637.

In 1604 "Richard Seamer y^{e} sonne of Robert Seymer was baptised y^{e} xxvijth day of January," the year being 1604/5, or 1605 when reckoned by our modern calendar. "Richard Seamer and Mercy Ruscoe ware maried the 18 Aprill" 1631. Three children of this marriage were recorded at Sawbridgeworth:

Thomas, bapt. 15 July 1632
Mary, bapt. 9 Jan. 1634/5; bur. 3 Apr. 1635
Mercy, bapt. 8 July 1636

Although the Sawbridgeworth registers were searched to 1650, the family of Richard Seamer or Seymer drops out with the last entry in 1636.

Now what are the reasons for accepting this Richard Seymer of Sawbridgeworth as identical with Richard the Colonist? Admittedly, we lack direct record evidence. This is not the same as to say that legal proof is lacking. Many things can be proved in a court of law by cumulative circumstantial evidence. Historians too

look with favor on this type of evidence when its weight is sufficient. A single piece of direct evidence may be a lie; an entry in a Bible, as we have seen, may have been forged by a fraudulent dealer for the sake of profit. But when we review all the known facts, and each circumstance harmonizes with all the other circumstances, and every bit of evidence fits neatly into the picture as if by magic,—then we feel entitled to claim that theory has given way to proof.

First of all, there is the negative evidence of excluding other possibilities. A tremendous amount of research was done by various English professional genealogists for the Hon. Henry W. Seymour, and afterwards by Miss Talcott in person, and about a score of Richard Seymours were found at the proper period, no one of whom it was possible to identify with the Colonist.

The locale is correct. A large number of the Hartford settlers were from Essex or near its borders, and Sawbridgeworth lies just over the boundary line. The age of this Richard is right. The Colonist was a very active man up to the time of his death, which apparently was sudden, and there is no reason to suppose that he had passed the prime of life. The baptism at Sawbridgeworth makes him fifty years of age. The wife of the Colonist was named Mercy. This was a Puritan name, and not particularly common in England. Richard the Colonist and his wife Mercy brought with them a son Thomas who, since he married in 1653/4, must have been born in England. Richard and Mercy of Sawbridgeworth had a son Thomas baptized there in 1632, who was in his twenty-second year at the date of the marriage of Thomas in Norwalk, Conn.

It is a most unlikely coincidence that two Seymour families in England would have a son Richard; that each Richard would marry a girl named Mercy; and that each couple would have an eldest son named Thomas—all of proper age for identification with the family of the Colonist. For collateral evidence, consider the name Zechariah which the Colonist bestowed on one of his sons. At Ware, co. Herts, only six miles from Sawbridgeworth, a Zechariah Seamer was married in 1637. He may well have been a younger brother of Richard, and was almost certainly a relative.

Many identifications of colonists have been made and widely accepted where the evidence was trifling in comparison with this remarkable correspondence of names and dates. Add to this the facts that the last child of Richard recorded at Sawbridgeworth was

born in 1636 and that his father died there in 1637, after which his family disappears from the local records, just in time to reappear in Hartford, Conn., and the circumstantial case is almost perfect. The father's death, with the likelihood of a small inheritance from that source, well may have been the deciding factor in fixing the time of emigration.

But we have left to the last the strongest, or at least the most convincing, link in our chain of evidence. Mercy Ruscoe, daughter of Roger and Sarah Ruscoe of Sawbridgeworth, was named in 1618 in her father's will. The surname is extremely rare in England, and the family was probably Flemish in origin. John Rouscoue, *alien,* was taxed at Great Dunmow, co. Essex, in 1545. Outside of Essex and Hertfordshire, the surname has not been found in England.

Rev. Thomas Hooker, ministerial leader of the founders of Hartford, preached for ten years at Chelmsford, co. Essex, less than fifteen miles from Sawbridgeworth. He came to New England in 1633 with some of his followers, and others followed shortly after. In 1635 came William Ruscoe, with a certificate from the minister of Billericay, co. Essex, and sat down with Hooker in Cambridge, Mass., following him in 1636 to Hartford, Conn. Richard Seymour and his wife, born Mercy Ruscoe, arrived in Hartford by 1639. This William Ruscoe—his age is stated as 41 in the shipping list of 1635—was roughly twenty-five years older than Mercy, hence in age was suitable to be her uncle. This is theory: what are the facts?

In Feb. 1639/40 William Ruscoe granted land in Hartford to Richard Seymour, and on 14 Dec. 1650 Richard Seymour conveyed land to William Ruscoe. In 1651 Richard Seymour, with Nathaniel and John Ruscoe, sons of William, were among the fourteen original proprietors of Norwalk, Conn., and John Ruscoe removed from Hartford to Norwalk with Richard Seymour. When Richard Seymour made his will in 1655, John Ruscoe was one of the witnesses.

This intimacy with the Ruscoe family should have suggested a connection to the genealogical mind, even before the discovery of the Seymer records in Sawbridgeworth. Combining the evidence from the English records with the evidence from the Connecticut records, our case is complete, and, we dare assert, impregnable. It was the Ruscoe connection which appealed to the trained genealogical mind of Miss Talcott and played no small part in convincing her of

the authenticity of the English discovery and of the identity of Richard Seymour the Colonist with the Sawbridgeworth yeoman.

Over twenty years have passed since publication in the *Register* of Mr. Bartlett's momentous discovery. The facts there presented very largely speak for themselves, and gradually they have prevailed over errors of opinion. The author is content to sum up here the evidence, believing it will prove convincing to all who are willing to be convinced; others are free to pursue their own notions and to defend them as best they can. In the words of Coventry Patmore:

> For want of me the world's course will not fail:
> When all its work is done, the lie shall rot;
> The truth is great, and shall prevail,
> When none cares whether it prevail or not.

THE SEYMOUR FAMILY

1. RICHARD[1] SEYMOUR, founder of the Connecticut family of the name, was baptized at Sawbridgeworth, co. Herts, England, 27 Jan. 1604/5, the son of Robert and Elizabeth (Waller) and the grandson of John and Dyzory (Porter), and died at Norwalk, Conn., between 29 July 1655, the date of his will, and 10 Oct. 1655, the date of the inventory of his estate. He married at Sawbridgeworth, 18 Apr. 1631, MERCY RUSCOE, born about 1610, daughter of Roger and Sarah of Sawbridgeworth. She married secondly, 25 Nov. 1655, as his second wife, John Steele of Farmington, Conn., who died there 27 Feb. 1664/5.

Richard Seymour came to this country in or slightly before 1639, bringing with him his wife Mercy Ruscoe, to whom he was married at Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, and their son Thomas, whose baptismal record was entered in the parish registers of Sawbridgeworth. It was this eldest son Thomas who sealed his will in 1712 with the wings of the ancient family of the Seymours of Penhow.

Richard Seymour, though not an original proprietor, was one of the early settlers of Hartford. Just when he joined the little settlement near "Dutch Point" on the Connecticut river we do not know, but probably in 1639, when we find his name in the list of those "inhabitants who were granted lotts to have only at the town's courtesie with liberty to fetch woode and keep swine or coues on the common." His lot was No. 70, on the north side, near the "cow pasture." His house stood on what is now North Main street, near the Ely place. He also owned outlying pieces of land including a portion of the tract running westward from the bluffs of the Trinity College property to what is now West Hartford. In 1647 he was elected chimney-viewer, which calls to mind that the houses of the first settlers were thatched, as in the old England they had left behind them, and on that account were particularly exposed to fire loss, and all the more because built of wood rather than of masonry as most of the corresponding English houses of the period were. Richard's duties, then, as chimney-viewer, were allied to those of a building inspector and fire chief of our time.

The fact that Richard received an allotment of land by the "courtesey of the town" shows that, with his family, he was judged to be

an acceptable addition to the group of settlers forming the original proprietors, but his status was not equal to theirs, inasmuch as they were entitled, as he was not, to their proportional shares of the extensive areas of land held in common. Thus, every original proprietor might hope to secure as of right farm land for his sons. No such opportunity was open to settlers who were landholders by the "courtesey of the town." This situation may account for Richard's decision to cast his lot with the planters of Norwalk under Roger Ludlow. Whatever the reason (and doubtless there were many), Richard and his former Sawbridgeworth neighbors, the Ruscoes, removed about 1650 (perhaps a year or so later) to Norwalk, where he had the status of an original proprietor of the new plantation, in the allotment of which he had a most favorable location.

We find his name among the number who made the agreement with Captain Patrick and the brilliant and restless Roger Ludlow "for the settlinge and plantinge of Norwalke," 19 June 1650. As one of the planters of Norwalk, Richard Seymour's name appears in the indenture dated 15 Feb. 1651, between the Planters and Runckinheage and other Indians. The exact date of his removal from Hartford to Norwalk cannot be fixed, but he had undoubtedly taken up his residence there before the end of 1652, and perhaps earlier. His home-lot was well-situated, directly opposite the meeting house and Parade Ground, and on the highway leading from Stamford to Fairfield. His house was only a short distance from the present roadbed of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad. Many of his descendants have probably unconsciously viewed the spot where their ancestor lived, while being carried past the place in a manner of which he never dreamed. In the new plantation of Norwalk, Richard's abilities were fully recognized. On 29 Mar. 1655, he was elected townsman, or selectman, as we should now say. But Richard did not live to hold this office long, since in his will, which he executed 29 July 1655, he is described "very week & sike."

It is significant, on the social side of the picture, that Richard's son Thomas was married after the arrival of the family in Norwalk, to Hannah Marvin, the sixteen year old daughter of Matthew Marvin, Sr., "one of the most distinguished of the Norwalk fathers," who had also removed to Norwalk with his family from Hartford, where our Thomas and his Hannah had doubtless been acquainted. Matthew Marvin, Sr., was born in England in 1600 and died in Norwalk in

1680. On coming to Norwalk (he had, as well as Richard Seymour, signed the Agreement with Ludlow) Marvin was assigned to what might be regarded as the "home-lot (No. 10) of honor" in the social system of the day, i.e., the lot next to the meetinghouse, and his estate was the second largest of the Norwalk settlers. To Richard Seymour was assigned a scarcely less desirable and honorable home-lot (No. 11) of four acres facing the "Town Street" and opposite the Parade Ground, a corner lot, and near lot No. 10 assigned to Matthew Marvin, Sr. So Thomas and Hannah, even before their marriage, were near neighbors in Norwalk.

It thus appears that Richard and his family were well placed in Norwalk. On 29 March 1655, he was chosen one of the two townsmen, as we have seen. He was now about fifty years old, in the full tide of life, with a family of four boys, and one of the chief figures in the community. What was it that overtook him then? No record, alas, answers this question. All that we know is that at the end of July of this year he was "very week & sike" and making his will, which he was unable to sign save by a mark. In this brief document he refers twice to "my loving wife Mercy" and once to "my loving wife," suggesting at least a happy relationship to his wife, to whom he had been married twenty-four years before, in Sawbridgeworth in Old England. The original will, after being duly recorded, was doubtless returned to his executors, as was the custom of the time; it has long since disappeared. The record book in which the will was copied had a quantity of ink spilled upon it, and so it happened that the copy of the will, with many others, was made in part unreadable. Did Richard, in executing his will, use the seal used by his eldest son, Thomas, in executing his will in 1712? The will itself seemingly answers the question in the negative in its concluding words, viz., "to this my will and Testament I have set my hand this 29th July 1655." The common language, "my hand and seal," is here contracted to "my hand." In a time of stress such as that under which the will was drawn, the common phrasing "hand and seal" may have been contracted to *hand*, so the omission of "and seal" is by no means conclusive evidence that Richard's *mark* on his will was not supplemented by a seal. One of the two witnesses to the will was John Ruscoe, a faithful friend over many years, of England, of Hartford, of Norwalk, probably a cousin of his "loving wife Mercy," born a Ruscoe. The date of Richard's untimely death is not known, but it

seems reasonable to suppose that it took place soon after the execution of his will, 29 July 1655, when he was "very week & sike" and unable to do more than make his mark upon it.

His estate, inventoried 10 Oct. 1655, was valued at £255-09-00—not a large, but a fair estate. Considering that Richard died at the age of about fifty years and the circumstances of his short life, the value of his estate is well above the majority of estates inventoried in 1655 or thereabout. The inventory was recorded in the same volume as his will and met with the same disaster of an overflow of ink, and its top section is illegible. The only item worthy of note is "bookes" valued at £1. Comparatively few inventories of the period list any books at all. The use of the plural shows that at least there was something more than a Bible in the house. Indeed, the sum of one pound in 1655 indicates that Richard had several books, and inferentially that he could both read and write.

The next chapter in our history opens with the surprising record at Farmington of the marriage on 25 Nov. 1655, of the widow to the Hon. John Steele, who recorded the marriage in his own hand. But this does not show that the marriage took place in Farmington, rather than in Norwalk, where Mercy lived. It was very common then for the man to record his marriage where *he* lived, for obvious reasons connected with inheritance.

The apparent precipitancy of the marriage of Richard's widow to John Steele may be remarked upon here. Steele undoubtedly knew Richard Seymour and his wife and family before they removed to Norwalk a few years earlier. Mercy, the widow, was no longer young, she had but moderate means and had four sons, of whom three were minors. She was no great "catch," it would seem, for one of the foremost men of the Colony. Must she not have been uncommonly engaging or possessed of rare qualities of mind and heart to have led the Hon. John, even in those days of dearth of available women, to marry her and bring her back from Norwalk and her Ruscoe relatives there, with her three younger sons? Can she be blamed if it be considered who he was—"his place in the sun"—to have made a "marriage of convenience," if such it was, though we can only speculate on that matter.

John Steele was one of the eight Magistrates appointed in 1636 by the Colony of Massachusetts Bay to govern Connecticut, before that Colony had established a jurisdiction of its own. From then

until 1658 he served without intermission in the General Court or Assembly, as an elected Deputy for Hartford through the year 1645, and thereafter for Farmington. For nearly twenty years he was recorder [Town Clerk] of Hartford, and served for a time in the same capacity for Farmington, after his removal to that town. His time and energies were thus largely devoted to the public service for nearly a quarter of a century. The young Seymours, under his tutelage, must have met many of the leading men of the colony, and have acquired a considerable knowledge of public affairs.

Mercy's remarriage seems to have been a happy one. The date of her death is not known, but she survived her able and distinguished husband, who died 27 Feb. 1664/5. In his will, dated 30 Jan. 1664, he bequeathed to his "dear and loving wife Mercy Steele the house wherein I now dwell and the appurtenances belonging to it."

On Mercy's marriage to the Hon. John Steele, her three minor children, John, Zachariah and Richard, became members of his household in Farmington. They could hardly have been better placed in any Connecticut household of the time. It is a pleasure to record that the interests of Richard Seymour's minor children were safeguarded. We quote from Selleck's "Norwalk," p. 154:

> Richard Seymour[1st.] executed his will July 29, 1655, and died within the next three months. He had appointed his wife and his "faithful friend" Richard Olmsted administrators, leaving everything to his aforementioned children, and commissioning his wife to take charge of the estates of the three younger boys "until such time as they shall be fit to receive and dispose of" the same. Mrs. Steele sought the welfare of her Seymour offspring, as did also her second husband. On Oct. 13,* 1668, thirteen years after the decease of Mr. Seymour and four years after that of Mr. Steele, the three lads, now arrived at majority, were paid the "full and just" amount due them, and acknowledged before Samuel Steele and their brother Thomas that they were "fully satisfied." From the first [John] of this trio of youths, bereft at an age when they most needed it, of a father's counsel, but still judiciously cared for, have descended well-known New England and New York families.

The mutilated first volume of Fairfield Probate Records (page 6) contains the recorded copy of Richard Seymour's will; the original is not in the files. We have no autograph of Richard Seymour and hence we do not know his own spelling of his name. The surname is diversely spelled in various records pertaining to him and his sons, but in those days spelling was largely phonetic and hence the spelling

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* Error for 30 Oct.

employed by the early scribes is not significant. By the time of his grandsons, the standard spelling of the name seems to have been generally accepted.

[The will of Richar]d Semer (1655)
[ ] being very week & sike [ ] gods pon[?] mercy in [ ] doe leve this as my [ ] doe first will and [ ] dust of w^{ch} it was [*made* and my soul into the] hands of God that gave it [and I doe will and] bequeath unto my Loving wife Mercy [Seamor] my whole Estate: viz: my house & Lands Cattle and [all] my moveables: Except that it is my Will that [my] Eldest sonn Thomas should have two steeres [ ] year old and upward and my best cartt: thease [to] receive soen after my decease:

It is alsoe my will that my other three sons John & Zachary [and] Richard receive out of this Totall estate the sum of forty pounds each of them viz: fourty pounds to John and fourty pounds to Zachary and forty pounds to Richard: duly and faythfully to be payd to them severally at the age of twenty-one years: Unles the Executo^{rs} of this my Will shall see cause to doe it soener: It is alsoe my Will that my loving wife should have the dispose of my three sons John Zachary & Richard untill such time as they shall be fit to receive and dispose of ther Estate: It is alsoe my will and apoyntment that my loving Wife Mercy: togather with my faythfull freind Richard Olmsted be the sole Executo^{rs} and Administrato^{rs} of this my Last Will and Testament the aforesaid Legasies and all Lawfull debts and demands duly discharged by my loving wife Mercy: It is my will that shee posses and enioy all the rest of my Estate. to this my will and Testament I have set to my hand this 29th July 1655:

In the presence of us
Thomas Handford the marke of Richard ſ Seamer
Jno Rescoe

25 octobar 1655

The Court haveing examined the will of Richard Seamor they doe approve therof

William Hill: Secretary

The top section of the inventory also has suffered and is partly illegible.

Anno Dom[ini]
1655
Octob^{r} 10[th]
Imprim[is]

[————————	————]
[————————	————]
In w[earing apparel]	[08-05-00]
In Chest[s, wooden ware and] other mov[eables]	[06-05-00]
In Iron Tools and nayles	[03-02-00]

In hempe and flaxe	[02-10-00]
In butter and cheese	[02-10-00]
In a Cart plowe & dr[ag]get tackling	[05]-03-00
In Corn	16-02-00
In hay	08-00-00
In oxen	33-00-00
In Cowes and Calves	35-00-00
In steeres and heifers	21-00-00
In a mare and fole & a yong hors	28-00-00
In sort hoggs	17-00-00
In smaller hoggs and Piggs	20-05-00
In debts	11-00-00
In bookes	01-00-00
In armes and ammunition	03-02-00
Totall	255-09-00

Apprised by us
Mathew Campfeild
Richard Olmsteed

25 Octob^{r} 1655

William Hill Secretary

The Court haveing examined this Inventory of Richard Seamors they doe approve therof.

The receipt of the three younger sons reads as follows [Fairfield Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 33]:

Octob^{r} 30: 1668

Received by vs John Semer Zackery Semer Richard Semer of M^{r} John Steele deceased the full and Just sum of sixscore pounds sterling: that is to say forty pounds each of vs vpon the Ac^{o} of ye legasies due to vs by the last will of o^{r} Honored father Richard Semer deceased and we doe acknowledg that it is a full and compleat acomplishment of ye aforesaid will Respecting our selues and doe by these presents fully wholy compleatly acquit and discharge ye aforsaid Steele and alsoe ye Executor and ye Executrix of ye estate of ye aforesaid Semer all and every of them ther heirs Executors Administrators and assignes from any or all demands from or by our selues our heirs Executors Administrators & assignes respecting the premises or from any person from by or vnder vs aknowlidging that we are fully satisfyed as aforesaid and doe by these p^{r}sents wholly discharge ye aforesaid persons respecting ye p^{r}mises—as witnes o^{r} hands

Witnes hearof
Samuell Steele
Tho: Semer

Zackery Semer
Richard Semer
John Semer

This is a True Coppy acording to ye origenall Transcribed p me
Will^{m} Hill Clarke

That the four sons of Richard Seymour made a place for themselves in their respective communities, may be gauged by the fact that their combined inventories at death amounted to well over £2,000, which of course makes no allowance for property bestowed on the children of some of them before they died.

Children:

2. i. THOMAS[2], bapt. at Sawbridgeworth, co. Herts, Eng., 15 July 1632.
   ii. MARY, bapt. at Sawbridgeworth, co. Herts, Eng., 9 Jan 1634/5; bur. there 3 Apr. 1635.
   iii. MERCY, bapt. at Sawbridgeworth, co. Herts, Eng., 8 July 1636; no further record of her has been found.
3. iv. JOHN, b. probably at Hartford, Conn.
4. v. ZACHARIAH, b. at Hartford, Conn., abt. 1642.
5. vi. RICHARD, b. at Hartford, Conn.

2. THOMAS[2] SEYMOUR (*Richard*[1]), of Norwalk, Conn., baptized at Sawbridgeworth, co. Herts, England, 15 July 1632, died at Norwalk, Conn., between 22 Sept. 1712, the date of his will, and 15 Oct. 1712, when the inventory of his estate was taken. He married first, at Norwalk, 5 Jan. 1653/4, HANNAH MARVIN, born in co. Essex, England, about Oct. 1634, living in 1680, daughter of Matthew[1] and Elizabeth; secondly, between 1690 and 1697, SARAH, widow of Thomas Wildman of Bedford, N. Y.; and thirdly, ELIZABETH ———.

He was brought to New England by his parents about 1638-9, when he was about six years old, lived with them at Hartford, Conn., until about 1651, and then removed with them to Norwalk. As his mother remarried very soon after his father's death in 1655 and removed with her younger children to Farmington, Conn., and as he was the only one of the children who was of age at that time, he succeeded to his father's lands in Norwalk, and lived there until his death. He was freeman in 1668, one of the patentees in 1686, and a deputy from Norwalk to the Connecticut General Court in 1690.

The will of Thomas Seymour, copied verbatim from the original in the files, follows. The inventory of his estate, taken 15 Oct. 1712 by John Raymond and Samuel Smith, showed property appraised at £351.5s.

In the Name of God Amen the Tweenty second Day of September In the Year of our Lord 1712 I Thomas Seamer of Norwalk in y[e] County of Fairfield of the Colony of Connecticut in New England, being Verry sick and Weak in Body, but of perfect Mind & Memory thanks be given unto God; therefore Calling to

mind the mortallity of my Body, and Knowing that it is appointed for men once to dye, Do Make and Ordain this my Last will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all, I give and Recomend my Soul into ye hands of God that gave it, Hopeing through the Merrits, Death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins, and to Inherit Everlasting Life; and my Body I Comit to the Earth to be Decently Buried at ye Discretion of my Executrs here after Named, Nothing Doubting but at ye Generall resurrection I shall Receive ye same again by the Mighty power of God.—And As Touching Such Worldly Estate Wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this life, I give Demise and Dispose of ye same in ye following mañer & form—That is to say, first I Will that all those Debts and Duties as I do Ow in Right or Consience to any Mañer of person or persons Whatsoever, shall be Well and true Contented & paid or Ordained to be paid in Convenient time after my Decease by My Executrs hereafter Named.—

Item: I Give and bequeath to Elizabeth Seamer my dearly beloved Wife, all & whatsoever of goods or Estate that she Brought with her and one pair of Curtains that she made since her liveing with me and one of my Cows as she may Chose forever.—

Item I give to my said Wife the Use and Improvement of my House & Barn, Half my Orchard & the West End of my Home Lott from the swamp, with also all of my Meadow Land on stoñy Hill (as may be Sufficient to aford Hay for ye Keeping one Cow or more) also my Bed Beding & Bedsted, my Copper Kettle and all other such Necessary Houshold Utansels as may be for her Comfort and all this Dureing her Continuance my Widdow. Also I give to my said Wife What provision shall be found Lay'd in for ye families Use at my Decease,—also I give to my said Wife My New Bible:

Item I give to my Son John Seamer the Use & Improvement of the other half of my Orchyard Dureing my Wifes Continuing my Widdow And to my sons Matthew & John Seamer ye Use of my Kill & malt House—

Item I give and bequeath to my Well beloved Grand son Thomas Seamer my House Barn Home Lott & Orchyard Upon my afor said Wife Decease or Marriage to be to him his heirs and Assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Well beloved Sons viz Matthew Seamer & John Seamer the Rest of my Lands and Meedows whatsoever & Moveable Estate that I have in Norwalk or Else where to be Divided Equally between them and my Will is that my Son John Seamer Have In part of his part my Barren Marsh Meedow Joyning to his own Land—

Item My Will is that my said sons Matthew and John Seamer shall in some Conveniant season after my Decease pay to Each of My Surviveing Daughters four pounds in provision pay apiece Except my Daughter Elizabeth Knap they paying to her ye sum of tweenty shillings in pay abovesaid—

I likewise Constitute make and Ordain My said sons Matthew Seamer & John Seamer Executers of this my Last Will and Testament And I do hereby Utterly Dissalow Revoke and dissanul all and Every Other former Testaments Wills & Leagacies Bequests and Executrs by me in any Wayes before this time Named Willed & bequeathed Rattifying and Confirming this and no Other to be my Last Will & Testament—

In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seal the Day and year above Written.

Signed, Sealed Published pronounced and declared by the said Thomas Seamer as his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us the Subscribers—

Thomas Betts Senr

John Copp

Mark

Thomas T S his Seamer (seal)

The foregoing original will of Thomas Seymour may be seen in the probate files in the State Library at Hartford, with the original seal charged with the two wings conjoined in lure, forming the paternal coat of the Seymours of Penhow. It is small, of crumbling reddish brown wax, and evidently an impression from a well-worn signet, undoubtedly brought from England by his father. Photographs of the will itself and of the seal enlarged will be found in the present volume.

October the 15th: 1712

An Inventory of the Estate of Thomas semer Late of norwalk dececed Taken by us whose names are under written: as followeth in primes

it: to one rackcoone hat	01- 5-0
it: to one new druget cote	02-10-0
it: to one druget cote : 12s: to [o]ne druget uest	01-10-0
it: to one paire of flanel briches	00-07-0
it: to one new flanel uest not finished	01-04-0
it: to two paire of Linin briches	00-08-0
it: to one paire of Lether briches	00-06-0
it: to two shurts	00-10-0
it: to one muslen neeckclath	00-02-0
it: to three paire of stockens	00-09-0
it: to one hat	00-02-0
it: to one new shurt clath	00-10-0
it: to one fetherbed and bolster	03-02-0
it: to two fether pillows	00-09-0
it: to one rudg 1 £: 0 0 to one checker couerled	02-10-0
it: to one blanket:	01-04-0
it: to one blanket	00-10-0
it: to one more blanket	01-00-0
it: to one blanket and one couerled	01-10-0
it: to one fether boulster	00-16-0
it: to one rudg	00-08-0
it: to foure paire of sheets	07-00-0
it: to one paire of old sheets	00-05-0
it: to curtens and uallants	02-08-0
it: to one bedsteed and cord	00-12-0

it: to one bedticken boulster ticken	00-05-0
it: to one bedsteed and cord	00-08-0
it: to two paire of pillowbears	00-16-0
it: to :8: napcens & towels	00-16-0
it: to two tableclaths	00-07-0
it: to one straining clath	00-01-6
it: to one table	00-10-0
it: to one great chest	00-12-0
it: to one old box	00-02-0
it: to one chest	00-12-0
it: to one warming pan	00-17-0
it: to one old chest	00-02-0
it: to one great brass cettel	07-10-0
it: to one copper cettel	00-12-0
it: to one brass scillet and frame	00-05-0
it: to two putter platters	00-10-0
it: to two putter basons :10s: and :3: putter pots all:	17-0
it: to two putter porengers :4: and one tumbler	00-04-6
it: to one tin cullender	00-02-0
it: to foure putter platters	01-10-0
it: to three putter plats :6s: 0: to three putter basons: 12s: all:	18-0
it: to two putter cups: 3: and old putter one shiling all	04-0
it: to earthenware—15—and two ston pots—all	18-0
it: to four spoons—02: and ten trenchers—all	00-03-6
it: to three payels—03: and three trayes—all	00-06-0
it: to one ston cup—00-6: and :5: glass bottel: all	00-03-6
it: to one paire of tayllers sheeres: and one inkhorn—	00-03-6
it: to one rayser and hone and knife	00-05-0
it: to two iron candolstick	00-02-0
it: to one fryingpan: gridgiron: and fleshforke	00-09-0
it: to one iron pot and pothocks	00-15-0
it: to one tramel :8s: and fireflis :8s: and tongs: all:	00-17-0
it: to one great iron pot	00-15-0
it: to new iron :5: and one paire of stilyards: all	01-01-0
it: to one small iron cettel	00-07-0
it: to one hamer and foure gimblets: and goudg	00-04-0
it: to bettel rings: and ads: and old iron	00-06-0
it: to foure exes :8s: and one shaueing knife	00-09-6
it: to one paire of pinchers: and sheep sheeres	00-03-0
it: to armes and amanition	01-00-0
it: to iron: crow: 10s: and horse geeres: 5s: all	00-15-0
it: to one old saddol :06: and one chaping knif	00-06-6
it: to plow and plow irons	01-10-0
it: to wheet and barly in the barn	02-02-0
it: to flex to drees :15s: and one frow 2:6: all:	00-17-6
it: to three sickels 4: and peesehoock: 1-6- all	00-05-6
it: to one broode how: and crackel	00-05-6
it: to one grinston and extree and winck	00-05-0
it: to old iron :4s: and one great bible	00-14-0

it: to one bible : 10: and : 1: great boock: & : 4: small books		01-00-0
it: to three chaires : 8:-0: and flex to swingle	all	00-18-0
it: to one paire of cards : 5^{s}: and wool	all	00-09-0
it: to malt in the house -2-0-0: and indion corn	all	04-14-0
it: to one corn fan 1-0-0: and one half bushel	all	01-01-6
it: to wool: and one old how		00-09-0
it: to one yoke and yoke irons		00-05-0
it: to butter and cheese: 1-16-0: and meet in the house:		03-00-0
it: to one earthen pot: and one stone pot :&: wooden bottel		04-0
it: to one churn and small tubs: 2 pigeins all		00-10-0
it: to one box iron : 8: and one Looking glas—all		00-13-0
it: to tobacon 1-0-0: and hops		02-07-0
it: to one hare clath 1-10-0 :&: bucket hoops & bail:		1-13-0
it: to tubs: and cask: and boudering tubs: and meete troufes:		2-00-0
it: to blanket yarn: and tow yarn		00-10-0
it: to : 5: swine : 3-0-0: and one cheesepres: & : one hiue of bees all:		3-13-0
it: to one hors :3-0-0: and two oxen :12-0-0: & :3 cows :10-0-0: all:		25-00-0
it: to one yere old steer : 2-0-0: and two calfs -02-00 all		04-00-0
it: to the house barn malthouse & orchard and homelot—all		80-00-0
it: to the frutfull spring Lot		30-00-0
it: to the stonihill Lot : 48-0-0: and a peece of salt meddow at sacotuck plain		54-00-0
it: to the Land at dryebrook		45-00-0
it: to the raylehill Lot		16-00-0
it: to the Land att the woulfpit hills		18-00-0
it: to the Land att the old hill		18-00-0
it: to the Land on the east side the riuer at pimpewalk		10-00-0
it: to the Land on the horse pound hill between the parts		08-00-0
it: to the Land and meddow at baranmarsh		50-00-0
it: to the sheep in the flock		05-00-0
it: to one paire of specttickls		00-02-0
it: to a : 11 pound and a half of Linin yarn		01-14-6
it: to one iuiry come: a : 2: paire of old sisus		00-03-6
it: to cart and wheels and cart-tacklen		03-10-0
it: to two iron wedges and one iron presing iron		00-04-0
it: to one paire of glases		00-02-6
Itm: two acres of Land ouer sacotuck riuer		04-00-00
Itm: one iron chayne		00-15-00

M^{rs} Elisabeth Seamer made oath to the Inuentory of her Deceased Husbands Estat
Before: James: Olmsted Justice:

John Raymond
samuel smith

January 7th 17$\frac{12}{13}$

Ensign Mathew Semer and John Seemer appeared in y^{e} prerogative Court held in Fairfield Jan^{ry} 7th 1712/13, and gave oath to the truth of the aboue Inuentory and if any thing shall after appear they will Cause the same to be inserted

Children by first wife, born at Norwalk:

i. HANNAH[3], b. 12 Dec. 1654; m. at Norwalk, 12 Oct. 1675, FRANCIS[3] BUSHNELL of Norwalk and Danbury, Conn., b. in Jan. 1649/50, d. at Danbury in Oct. 1697, s. of Lieut. William[2] (*Francis*[1]) and Rebecca (Chapman). Children: 1. *Hannah*, b. 22 Aug. 1676. 2. *Mary*, b. 21 Dec. 1679; m. John Taylor. 3. *Abigail*. 4. *Lydia*, b. in 1681; m. John Fitch. 5. *Mercy*, b. in 1687; d. 9 Nov. 1767; m. (1) 3 Jan. 1712, Maj. John Bostwick of New Milford, Conn.; m. (2) Capt. James Lockwood of Norwalk. 6. *Rebecca*, living unm. in 1712. 7. *Judith*, living unm. in 1712.

ii. ABIGAIL, b. in Jan. 1655/6; m. 16 Nov. 1676, THOMAS[2] PICKET, bapt. at Salem, Mass., 19 Nov. 1648, s. of John[1] and Margaret. They resided at Stratford, Conn. Children: 1. *Abigail*, b. 30 July 1678. 2. *Hannah*, b. 20 May 1680. 3. *Jacob*, b. 16 Feb. 1680/1.

iii. MARY (twin), b. in Sept. 1658; m. at Norwalk, in May 1682, DEA. JOSHUA[3] BUSHNELL of Saybrook, Conn., b. at Saybrook 6 May 1644, d. in Mar. 1710, s. of Lieut. William[2] (*Francis*[1]) and Rebecca (Chapman). Children: 1. *Thankful*, b. 3 Jan. 1686. 2. *Capt. Joshua* of Saybrook, b. 8 Nov. 1690; d. in 1767; m. (1) 21 Jan. 1711/12, Margaret Chapman, who d. 14 Feb. 1716; m. (2) 23 Feb. 1717/18, Elizabeth Hawley; m. (3) Lydia Lynde; one daughter by first wife, three children by second wife, one daughter by third wife. 3. *Hannah*, b. 16 Nov. 1693; m. 18 Feb. 1712/13, Joseph Nettleton of Killingworth, Conn.

iv. SARAH (twin), b. in Sept. 1658.

v. THOMAS, b. in Sept. 1660; d. young.

vi. MERCY, b. in Nov. 1666.

6. vii. MATTHEW, b. in May 1669.

viii. ELIZABETH, b. in Dec. 1673; d. at Greenwich, Conn., 17 June 1713; m. at Greenwich, 16 Mar. 1699, TIMOTHY[3] KNAPP, b. in 1668, d. abt. 1737, s. of Joshua[2] (*Nicholas*[1]) and Hannah (Close). He m. (2) 16 Feb. 1713/14 Martha Weeks. Children: 1. *Rebecca*, b. 24 Sept. 1701. 2. *Timothy*, b. 9 Aug. 1703; d. 22 Apr. 1706. 3. *Israel*, b. 13 Dec. 1705; m. (1) Mary Lyon; m. (2) in Aug. 1742 Anna Marshall; m. (3) 7 or 17 Jan. 1762, Elizabeth Hugford. 4. *Mary*, b. 16 Apr. 1708; m. Thomas Hoyt of Danbury, Conn. 5. *Elizabeth*, b. 22 Aug. 1710; m. Ebenezer Picket of Danbury, Conn. 6. *Prudence*, b. 26 Jan. 1712/13.

ix. REBECCA, b. in Jan. 1675/6; m. 13 Apr. 1704 JONATHAN RENALS.

7. x. JOHN, date of birth unknown.

3. JOHN[2] SEYMOUR (*Richard*[1]), of Hartford, Conn., born probably at Hartford, died there between 10 Dec. 1712 and 3 Aug. 1713. He married MARY[2] WATSON, who was living 10 Dec. 1712, daughter of John[1] and Margaret (Smith) of Hartford.

He was made a freeman in 1667, and was an active and influential man. In 1670 he and his wife owned the covenant at the Second Church in Hartford, and on 31 Mar. 1678 they were admitted to full communion.

The Last Will and Testament of John Seamore, Sen^{r} late of Hartford dec^{d}— In the Name of God, Amen, I John Seamore, Sen^{r} of Hartford, in the County of Hartford, in the Colony of Connecticut in New England, being of sound mind and memory, Yet not knowing how it shall please God to deal with me, having the symtomes of mortality upon me, I account it my duty to Settle the outward good things that God in his goodness hath bestowed upon me, and Do therefore make this my Last Will and Testament, revoking and disannulling all Former and other Wills whatsoever—I Committ my Soul into the hands of God who gave it me, hoping through the merits of my onely Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ to receive the pardon of my Sins, and by his power to have a Glorious Resurrection at the great day.—

I Leave my Body to a decent burial, at the discretion of my Executors, hereby named.—My Just Debts being paid, I give and bequeath as followeth: Imp^{r} I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Mary Seamor, one third part of my moveable Estate to be to her dispose forever, and the rest of my moveable Estate I give her the Improvement of with my Dwelling House, Barn, Orchard, with three acres of Land at home, and also the Incomes in rents of one half part of the rest of my lands, to be paid to her by my Sons, according to the Quantity of Land, I shall give unto them, during her Naturall Life:—(It. I giue and Bequeath unto my son John Seamore, Twelve acres of Land, (with the Dwelling House thereon) Lying South of Robert Webster's Land,) Also I give him all that Land Lying on the North side of my Lott, on the East side of Farmington Road, that shall Remain when five acres shall be measured off. the East end, across the said Lott, and three acres measured off the South Side of my said Lott, also I give unto him all that my Lott of Land, Lying on this Side Four-Mile Hill Called the Seventeen acre Lott. Also I give unto him one third part of my two fifty acre Lotts, lying together in Wethersfield next Hartford bounds, after that Ten acres shall be measured off the North East Corner of my Said Lott, Which Parcells of Land I give unto my said Son John Seamore, To be to him his heirs and Assigns forever. It.—I give and bequeath to my Son Thomas Seamore, all that Land lying on the West Side of Farmington Road,—being South of that Land given to my Son John Seamore, with the Dwelling and Barn that are thereon. To extend from the Highway West to the Gutter at the Clay Lotts. Also I give him Ten acres of Land Lying in the North East corner of my two fifty acre Lotts in Wethersfield to Extend from the East end of the Lott so farr West as the Highway running South from Farmington road to the said Lott. Also I give him one third part of the Remainder of my said two fifty acre Lotts, all which parcells of Land I give to my said Son Thomas Seamore to be to him, his heirs and Assigns forever. It. I give and bequeath to my son Richard Seamore, the Land where he now dwelleth, with the buildings that are thereon. (Also I give unto him five acres of Land lying at the East end of my Lott, on the East Side of Farmington Road, which parcells of Land I give my Said Son

Richard Seamore to be to him, his heirs and Assigns forever. Also I give unto [*sic*] Twenty pounds in money to be paid in Equall proportion by my three Sons, John, Thomas, and Zachariah Seamore, also I give him a good Cow. It. I give and bequeath to my Son Zachariah Seamore three acres of Land on the South Side of my Lott Lying on the East Side of Farmington Road to Extend East to the Land given to my Son Richard, and to be in weadth next the Highway one rod north of the Barn with my Dwelling House, barn and other buildings that are thereon, after my wife's decease. Also I give him all that my Lott of Land called the mountain Lott Lying in Wethersfield. Also I do desire that my son Thomas would Exchange Land with my Son Zachariah, That he may have a convenient passage to the Said Mountain Lott. Also I give him my clay Lott, to Extend from the Gutter West to the Common. Also I give him one-third part of my two fifty acre Lotts, Lying together in Wethersfield, when Ten acres shall be measured off at the North East Corner of said Lott, which parcells of Land I give to my Said Son Zachariah Seamore to be to him his heirs and Assigns forever. And it is my will that my Son Zachariah Seamore Shall pay to my two daughters Twenty pounds a piece in pay. And that he Quitt my Estate of Charges for what he hath done to my barn;—I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary North, besides what I have already Given her, and hath Received, the Sum of Thirty pounds in pay. Twenty pounds whereof to be paid by Son Zachariah, the Remainder of said Sum to be paid out of my moveable Estate after my wives decease by my Executors hereafter named, to be to her and her heirs and Assigns forever— It. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret Root the Sum of Thirty pounds in pay Twenty pounds whereof to be paid by my Son Zachariah Seamore, the Remainder to be paid out of my moveable Estate, after my wives decease by my Executors hereafter named, to be to her and her heirs and Assigns forever.

It is my Will That what moveable Estate that shall be Left after my Debts and Legacies to my two daughters are paid. That then (after my wives decease) the said moveable Estate shall be equally divided to my four Sons, John, Thomas, Richard and Zachariah Seamore. And I do hereby Constitute and appoint my loving Wife Mary Seamore and my Loving friends Mr. Ichabod Wells and Mr. Thomas Hosmer to be Executors of this my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seal the 10th day of December Anno Dom 1712

John Seamor—a seal

Signed, Sealed and declared in the presence of Hez. Wyllys, Mary Macky, Sarah Harris, her Mark.

Inventory of John Seymour, son of Richard, the Settler.*

Inventory of The Estate of M^{r}. John Seamo^{r} Late of Hartford deceased is as followeth viz—

In Money	14-04-00
To 2 White wastcoats	00-16-00

* Copied from the original paper on file in 1911 by James Allen Kibbe of Warehouse Point, Conn.

	To a Drugitt Coat	01-12-00
	To a Gray Coat 18^{s}: a Wastcoat 20^{s}	01-18-00
	To a Great Coat 14^{s}: an old Cloak 13^{s}	01-07-00
	To 1 old Coat waste coat & 2 p^{r} briches	00-12-06
	To 1 p^{r} new stockens 4^{s}: old stocken 4^{s}	00-08-00
	To 2 p^{r} Glous 4^{s}: a p^{r} mittens 6^{d}	00-04-06
	To 2 Muslin neckcloaths	00-06-00
	To 3 silk hankercheifs	00-04-06
	To 2 Shirts 10^{s}: 2 hats 20^{s}	01-10-00
	To old leather briches & wastcoat	00-07-00
	[ ] Mittens & shoes	00-08-00
	To Womens Aparrall in all	08-00-00
	To a bed and furniture	07-10-00
In The paylo^{r}	To a Trunill bed and furniture	02-08-00
	To a great Chest 16^{s} to a Cubbud 9^{s}	01-05-00
	To a bundle of new cloath & Tape	00-09-00
	To a Chest 4^{s} to 5 yds new cloath 10^{s}	00-14-00
	To 4 p^{r} sheets 56^{s} to 2 p^{r} Ditto 14^{s}	03-10-00
	To table Linen 28^{s}: to 11 Towels 8^{s}	01-16-00
	To 3 pillow beers 2^{s}	00-02-00
	To 2 pillows & pillion cloaths	00-18-00
	To 2 Chairs and Cushons	00-05-06
In the paylo^{r}	To a bed, bedstead & blankitts	03-06-00
	To nails 4^{L}: 14^{s}. To 2 Chests 10^{s}	05-04-00
	To 4 meal Casks 8^{s} to old baralls 2^{s}	00-10-00
Hall chab^{r}.	To 12 Bush^{ll} of Indian Corn	01-16-00
	To 14 Bush^{ll} Wheat at 5^{s} p Bush^{ll}	03-10-00
	To Meal 5^{s} To 20^{lb} hops 13^{s}	00-18-00
	To Cheas 14^{s} to 45^{lb} flax 26^{s}	02-00-00
	To toe yarn & linen 4^{s} to 2 old Cask 2^{s}: 6^{d}	00-06-06
	To 13 Bush^{ll} barly malt 3^{s} p^{r} Bush^{ll}	01-19-00
	To 5 behives 4^{s} to Sundry barrells 23^{s}	01-07-00
In the hall	To 1 Iron pott 14: 7^{d} to a Nichell 13^{s}	01-07-07
	To 2 Muskitts 20^{s} to a brass Kittle 40^{s}	03-00-00
	To an old Kittle and warming pan	01-02-00
	To a bell mettle Skillitt 6^{s} an Jron pot 6^{s}	00-12-00

To 1 frying pan 7^{s} to Slice & Tongs 10^{s}	00-17-00
To 1 Tramel 5^{s}: to a box Jron & heat^{r} 9^{s}	00-14-00
To p^{r} andirons 2^{s}: to a Great table 16^{s}	00-18-00
To new peute^{r} 46^{s} to old peute^{r} 21^{s}	03-07-00
To 1 qt pott a bake^{r} Tunnill & Spoons	00-09-00
To 4 milk bowls 4^{s}: to 3 knob dishes 6^{s}	00-10-00
To 1 doz Iron chrs 8^{d}. to a milk Keler 2^{s}	00-02-08
To 2 pails 2^{s} to 2 Chease moals 2^{s}	00-04-00
To Earthen ware 8^{s} to 2 Glass bottles 1^{s}	00-09-00
To Knifes 18^{d} to money scales 6^{s}	00-07-06
To a peice of leather and straps	00-02-00
To a Table cloath & napkin	00-02-00
To a table and form 4^{s} to 7 Chap^{rs} [So] 8^{s}	00-12-00
To a hansaw 6^{s}: to broad ax 4^{s}	00-10-00
To 3 Stubbing hoes 8^{s} to 1 old broad ax 18^{d}	00-09-06
To 1 ax 3^{s} to a betle & wedges 7^{s}	00-10-00
To a Clave & pin 4^{s}: 6^{d} to 2 Sikles 2^{s}	00-06-06
To 1 old Spade 18^{d} to 3 old forks 3^{s}	00-04-06
To old Sives 2^{s} to 1 hame^{r} & Shave 2^{s}: 6^{d}	00-04-06
To 2 branding Jrons 18^{d} to 2 gimletts 6^{d}	00-02-00
To a Syth 18^{d} to a hinge & hook 3^{s}	00-04-06
	88-18-09

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To p^{r} pinchers 2^{s} to old Jron 2^{s}: 6^{d}	00-04-06
To basket with Small Things it [So]	00-01-04
To a p^{r} Stilyard 6^{s} To a Great bible 10^{s}	00-16-00
To Sundry Books 6^{s} to old Cook & Chese press 12^{s}	00-18-00
To hogs fat 12^{s} to Sope 10^{s}	01-02-00
To a plow and Jrons all that belong to it	00-14-00
To a bridle 3^{s}: 6^{d} a p^{r} of old Trace & hames 8^{s}	00-11-06
To 1 old Sadle 4^{s}: Side Sadle 1^{s} Mashngtub 8^{s}	00-13-00
To a Tub & tunill 4^{s} old Jron 2^{s}: to 3 old bags 18^{d}	00-07-06
To an old Cart Rope 18^{d} To 13 old Jron 8^{s}: 8^{d}	00-10-02
To a set of hoops & boxes for Cart wheels	00-18-00
To a timb^{r} Chaine 22^{s} to a plow Chaine 5^{s}	01-07-00
To 2 Shovell 6^{s} to bees & hives in y^{e} beehouse 40^{s}	02-06-00

To Bacon 6s to pork 8bl 14: 4	09-00-04
To 1000 foot of pine boards	01-10-00
To 300 foot of ditto 8s: to Shingles 12s	01-00-00
To a prcell of new timbr & other timbr	01-00-00
To 300 Claboards 12s To a pide horse 6lb	06-12-00
To a yoak of oxen 8lb 10s: to a brindle Calf 20s	09-10-00
To 3 larg Cowes 9lb: to 2 small Cowes 5lb	14-00-00
To 2 heifers 4lb 10s: to 2 2 year old steers 4lb 10s	09-00-00
To 1 ox at John Norths 5lb 5s to 2 Calves 24s	06-09-00
To the black mare 4lb: a sorild horse 3lb	07-00-00
To bay horse 4lb: 10s: to a 2 year old Colt 45s	06-15-00
To a mare and Colt 30s	01-10-00
To the house John lives in & 12 acres Land	160-00-00
To the house Tho did live in & 2 acres land	190-00-00
To the house and barn & 17 acres land on The East Side farmington Road	210-00-00
The mountaine Lott	063-00-00
The Clay Lott 5 acres	20-00-00
To 100 acres of Land att four mile hill	200-00-00
To 17 acres of Land This side four mile hill	043-00-00
To house Richard lives in & ye homelott	100-00-00
	1066-12-04
	0088-18-09
Total is	1158-11-01

Taken by us James Ensign
Tho Richards

[John Seymour's inventory shows an abundance of worldly goods and must measurably reflect the character of his establishment. It is gratifying to learn from it that sartorially he was so well provided for, including "2 White wastcoats." As a collector, the author would like to have inherited his "great Chest" and his "Cubburd." Their valuations indicate that they were not important pieces. He had a "Great bible," "Sundry Books," "bees & hives in a beehouse." His "pide horse" at £6 must, at that valuation, have been a good animal. His "sorild horse" is only valued at £3. The "black mare" was

valued at £4; the "bay horse" at £4; the "mare and colt" at £0-30-0. There was, apparently, an abundant supply of linen in the house, but no silver is listed, and the lack may be due to the daughters having been "portioned" in part in silver. John Seymour seems to have "done himself" remarkably well, since his patrimony was but £40, while his estate inventoried £1158-11-01.—*G. D. S.*]

Children, born at Hartford:

8. i. JOHN[3], b. 12 June 1666.
9. ii. THOMAS, b. 12 Mar. 1668/9.

iii. MARY, b. in Nov. (bapt. 20 Nov.) 1670; d. 2 Mar. 1732/3; m. 25 Apr. 1700, JOHN NORTH, b. abt. 1669, s. of Samuel and Hannah (Norton) North. His first wife was Mary Warner, who d. 1 Mar. 1694/5, and he m. (3) 20 Mar. 1733/4, Abigail (———) (Phelps) Judd. Children: 1. *Margaret*, b. 26 Jan. 1700/1; perhaps m. 29 May 1735, Joseph Woodruff. 2. *Ruth*, b. 14 Oct. 1702; m. 2 Jan. 1728/9, Isaac Cowles, Jr. 3. *Jonathan*, b. 8 Apr. 1704. 4. *Josiah*, b. 11 Feb. 1705/6; d. 6 May 1784; m. 22 Nov. 1726, Temperance Baldwin. 5. *Samuel*, b. 21 July 1708; d. Dec. 1796; m. 5 Apr. 1737, Lois Porter. 6. *Eunice*, b. 17 Dec. 1710. 7. *John*, bapt. 4 May 1712; d. 16 Jan. 1732/3.

iv. ZACHARY, bapt. 22 Dec. 1672; d. young.

v. MARGARET, b. 17 Jan. 1674/5; d. 9 Sept. 1751; m. (1) 20 Mar. 1706/7, TIMOTHY[3] ROOT, b. abt. 1681, d. at Cape Breton in 1713, s. of Stephen[2] (*John*[1]) and Sarah (Wadsworth); m. (2) 22 Jan. 1718/19, JOHN REW of Farmington, Conn. Children by first husband: 1. *Jonathan*, b. 20 Dec. 1707; d. 17 Aug. 1794; m. (1) Ruth ———; m. (2) Esther Wadsworth; m. (3) 30 June 1784, Susanna Day. 2. *Stephen*, b. 18 Mar. 1711/12; d. 5 Sept. 1752; m. 19 Jan. 1740/1, Sarah Hart. 3. *Timothy*, b. in 1713; d. at Cape Breton, 24 Apr. 1746; m. 6 Dec. 1739, Mary Hart.

vi. RICHARD, b. 11 Feb. 1676/7; d. at Canaan, Conn., between 1747 and 1753; m. at Hartford, 30 Oct. 1707, MARY[3] WILSON, bapt. 25 Mar. 1688, living a widow at Canaan in 1753, dau. of Dea. John[2] (*Robert*[1]) and Lydia (Cole). He was chosen Constable of Hartford, 1711, and held the office until 1717; Selectman, 1721, 1728, and 1734; Swine Inspector, 1722; and Inspector of Wood, 1734-1736. Richard, with his kinsmen, Thomas and Zachariah, were members of an association called the New London Society united for Trade and Commerce, a joint stock company organized in 1732 for trading with the West Indies. About 1738 he removed to Canaan, where he built the iron-works; he was also one of the proprietors of the Town of Salisbury. On 25 Sept. 1740 he was made Lieutenant of the military company of Canaan. His widow may have been the Widow Seymour who was buried in the

Center Church Burying Ground at Hartford, 31 Jan. 1766, being interred at the expense of Thomas Seymour, Esq.* No record of any children has been found.

vii. JONATHAN, b. 10 Jan. 1678/9; d. young.

viii. NATHANIEL, b. 6 Nov. 1680; d. young.

10. ix. ZACHARIAH, b. 10 Jan. 1684/5.

4. ZACHARIAH[2] SEYMOUR (*Richard*[1]), of Wethersfield, Conn., born at Hartford, Conn., about 1642, died at Wethersfield in Aug. 1702, aged about 60 years. He married at Wethersfield, 9 Feb. 1687/8, MARY GRITT, who survived him and married secondly Joseph Hollister.

After the death of his father in 1655 Zachariah Seymour evidently removed to Farmington, Conn., with his mother, and appears as a freeman there in 1669. Later he settled at Wethersfield, where he married at the age of about 45.

In the name of God, Amen. This fourteenth day of Aprill One Thousand seven hundred and two, I Zachariah Seamore of Wethersfield in the County of Hartford, being Sick & weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for it, calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men to dye, I do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament. That is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it, and for my body, I recommend it to the Earth to be buryed in a Christian like and in a decent manner, at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the Gennerall Resurection, I shall receive it again by the Almighty power of God.

Touching my Worldly Estate as to my Houseing & Lands which I have in the Township of Wethersfield and all other Estate I do bequeath to my wife one third part having the command of one Room in my dwelling house as part of her thirds, which is to be at her command as long as she shall remain a Widdow, and then to receive reasonable rent for her part of the House—Item. I give to my four daughters the whole & sole right to all my Estate especially my Houseing & Lands after the decease of my wife, & 2/3 of all my Estate to them I give as they come of age, and I give to each alike, and if any one or more of them do dye without child then that part of my Estate shall return to those that survive—Now, as touching my debts, they are to be paid out of my movable Estate, and as for my Land which is in the Town bounds of Farmington, I give to my daughters each of them a part alike, and if any dye without childe, then it is to return to those that Survive. Also I give my wife a third of the same her lifetime—Further I do choose my Loving Brethren Jno. Seamore Senior of Hartford & Richard Seamore of Farmington to be Overseers with John Seamore, Jun'r & Thomas Seamore of Hartford & they may putt out my Children at their discretion.

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* *The Connecticut Quarterly*, vol. 4, p. 264.

I do ratify this to be my Last Will & Testament as witnesseth my hand this day & year above mentioned—This is interlined in four places before Signing.

Zachariah Seamore.

Witnessed by
John Seamore Jun'r
Thomas Seamore.

An Inventory of the Estate of Zachariah Seamore, late of Wethersfield deceased—Viz^{t}.

	£ s d
Imps. a dwelling house 45 £. an old house 1 £	46 : 00 : 00
Sixteen acres of Land belonging to Said houseing	96 : 00 : 00
One hatt and wearing Cloaths 3 £ three Cows 12 £	15 : 00 : 00
2 yearlings 3 £ one Calf 16^{s} 6, Small Swine 45^{s}	06 : 01 : 00
hay and grain in the barn. 4 £. Indian Corn in the Lot. 5^{s}	04 : 05 : 00
a Mare &, 2, Colts. 30^{s} 300, Nails 3^{s} an old Axx. 2^{s}/6^{d}	01 : 15 : 06
13, acres wood Land, 5 £ a Cow lott. 4^{s} old Iron tools. 1^{s}	05 : 05 : 00
2/½^{li} Sheeps wool. 3^{s}/9^{d} an old Spinning wheel 3^{s}	00 : 06 : 09
a Little Salt. 1^{s} one peck Malt. 1^{s} two bags. 3^{s}	00 : 05 : 00
a great Iron pott 20^{s} a Small Iron pott, hooks & ladle	01 : 12 : 00
fire Slice and tongs, 10^{s} tramel. 6^{s} Small Stilliards. 10^{s}	01 : 06 : 00
a pair Cards. 18^{d} 4, Chairs and a Small Table, 12^{s}	00 : 13 : 06
a high bedstead, 2, beds on it with Covering and bolsters and pillows, Curtains and Vallens—	03 : 10 : 00
A Trundle bedstead with a Small bed on it, Covering, bolsters	03 : 00 : 00
2, Turky work Cushions. 20^{s} 5, Sheets & other Linnen 36^{s}	02 : 16 : 00
a Gun & amunition. 20^{s} old pewter, 4^{s}, earthen Ware and Glasses, 3^{s} 10/½ ^{li} new pewter, 25^{s} a great Chest 12^{s}	03 : 04 : 00
A meal trough 5^{s} an old bible and Psalter, 4^{s}	00 : 09 : 00
a great Wheel, 2^{s} 2^{li} new pewter, 5^{s}	00 : 07 : 00
a Weavers Loom & tackling, 40^{s} frying pan 2^{s}	02 : 02 : 00
2, brass Skillets with a frame to them, 5^{s} 4, Spoons, 18^{d}	00 : 06 : 06
a pail. 3^{s} old barrells, 5^{s} a Saddle, 10^{s} a Sive 2^{s}	01 : 00 : 00
A Corn Mill at	05 : 00 : 00
	200 : 04 : 03

Added—4, basons, 2 Small cups—a diamond to Cutt Glass, a p^{r} Silver buttons. a Cradle. a hammer—

Robert Wells } Selectmen
Taken by us—Jonathan Boreman } under Oath.

A true copy of record
Attest
Frank M. Mather
Clerk.

This inventory shows no such profusion of goods as his brother John's, but he did not marry until he was over forty-five. He died possessed of "2 Turky work Cushions," valued at 20s., a "great Chest," an "old bible and Psalter," "a diamond to Cut Glass," and a pair of "Silver buttons."

The final division of his estate was made 3 May 1714, between his widow, his daughter Mary, wife of Henry Grimes, his daughter Elizabeth, wife of Gideon Belding, and his daughters Abigail and Ruth Seymour. On 5 Apr. 1714, the daughter Ruth, aged 15 years, had chosen Josiah Churchill of Wethersfield as her guardian.

Children, born at Wethersfield:

i. MARY[3], b. 26 Jan. 1688/9; m. at Wethersfield, 2 Aug. 1711, HENRY[2] GRIMES, b. at Wethersfield 9 Jan. 1690/1, s. of Joseph[1] and Deborah (Stebbins). Children: 1. *Zebulon*, b. 5 Feb. 1711/12; d. 12 Feb. 1711/12. 2. *Mary*, b. 30 Oct. 1713. 3. *Deborah*, b. 13 Feb. 1715/16.

ii. ELIZABETH, b. 28 Jan. 1691/2; m. at Wethersfield, 7 Feb. 1711/12, GIDEON[4] BELDING, b. at Wethersfield 24 Mar. 1692/3, d. in 1733, s. of Samuel[3] (*John*[2], *Richard*[1]) and Hannah (Handy). Administration on his estate was granted to his widow on 1 Jan. 1733/4. Inventory, £79.18[s]. Children: 1. *Ebenezer*, b. 10 Mar. 1712/13; d. 12 Mar. 1712/13. 2. *Eunice*, b. 12 July 1714. 3. *Elisha*, b. 22 July 1715. 4. *Ruth*, b. 23 Sept. 1717; m. David Hurlbut, Jr. 5. *Elizabeth*, b. 10 Oct. 1719. 6. *Abigail*, b. 10 Sept. 1721; m. 7 June 1739, Capt. Gurdon Goodrich. 7. *Hannah*, b. 4 Sept. 1723. 8. *Hezekiah*, b. 26 Oct. 1725; d. 20 Oct. 1793. 9. *Sarah*, b. 4 Apr. 1727. 10. *Experience*, b. 6 Jan. 1729; d. 26 Nov. ——. 11. *Gideon*, b. in 1733. Three other children, who d. prior to 1734.

iii. ABIGAIL, b. 15 May 1694; m. at Hartford, 20 Dec. 1716, JAMES[4] ENSIGN, b. at Hartford 8 Feb. 1690/1, d. before 15 Jan. 1730, when inventory of his estate was taken, s. of James[3] (*David*[2], *James*[1]) and Lydia (Baker). Children: 1. *Joseph*, bapt. 2 Feb. 1717/18; m. Mary Webster. 2. *Samuel*, bapt. 10 Jan. 1719/20; probably d. young. 3. *James*, bapt. 30 Sept. 1722; probably d. young.

iv. RUTH, b. 10 Apr. 1699; d. 3 Oct. 1754; m. NOADIAH[4] DEMING, b. at Wethersfield 20 Feb. 1693, d. in 1739, s. of Jonathan[3] (*John*[2], *John*[1]) and Martha (Buck). Children: 1. *Solomon*, m. 27 Oct. 1748, Sarah Kirkham. 2. *Hezekiah*, bapt. 9 Feb. 1728. 3. *Dudley*, bapt. 4 July 1731; m. 22 Dec. 1762, Lydia Leonard of Springfield, Mass. 4. *Zachariah*, b. abt. 1735. 5. *Dorothy*.

5. CAPT. RICHARD[2] SEYMOUR (*Richard*[1]), of Farmington, Conn., born at Hartford, Conn., died at Farmington prior to 29 Nov. 1710, being killed by the fall of a tree, and was buried on a portion of his

own land which was afterwards used as a burial place. He married HANNAH[2] WOODRUFF, born about 1648, died at Farmington 16 Sept. 1712, daughter of Matthew[1] and Hannah of Farmington.

He was a freeman at Farmington in 1669 and one of the eighty-four proprietors of that town in 1672. His wife appears in a list of church members at Farmington, dated 1 Mar. 1679/80, and Richard became a member of the same church on 31 May 1685. He settled in that part of Farmington called Kensington (now the town of Berlin), and became a leader in the settlement. There the Seymour fort was built, within which were the cabins where the inhabitants sought refuge at night during the Indian alarms, Richard Seymour being the captain of the garrison. The well in front of the fort still remains.

The inventory of his estate, taken 29 Nov. 1710, by Thomas Seymour, Thomas Hart, and Thomas Curtis, showed property valued at £416. 13s. 3d. Administration on the estate was granted 4 Dec. 1710, to Hannah Seymour, the widow, and to Samuel Seymour, a son of the deceased. An agreement was made 1 Jan. 1710/11, between Hannah Seymour, the widow, sons Samuel, Jonathan, and Ebenezer Seymour, daughter Mercy Seymour, and Joseph Pomeroy in behalf of his wife Hannah, another daughter of the deceased. After the death of Hannah, the widow, a division of her estate was made 7 Nov. 1712, and was signed by Samuel Seymour, Ebenezer Seymour, Jonathan Seymour, Joseph Pomeroy, and George Hubbard.

An Inventory of the Estate of Richard Seamer late of Farmington deceased, taken by us the Subscribers November 29th 1710.

	L	s	d
Imprs. the half of the homestead vizt the South part with the buildings upon it	64	00	00
the north part of the homested, and the house partly finished	60	00	00
the Pasture on the west side of Mrs. Gilberts Farme	80	00	00
the Land lying on the East Side of Mrs Gilberts Farme. vizt. near the Highway	36	00	00
the land lying on the East Side the Highway next to Wethersfield bounds, wth a house on it	55	00	00
the lott Called the Batchelors lot 5 £ a yoake of oxen with their keeping 7 £	12	00	00
3 Cows with their Keeping 9 £ 2, 2 yearolds & Keeping 5 £	14	00	00
4 yearlings with their Keeping 5 £ 13s 13 Sheep with Keeping 3 £ 5s	08	18	00
an old mare & Colt with Keeping 1 £ 5s—2 fatt Swine 2 £ part of a bush Salt 4s	03	09	00
a Kersey Coat 1 £ 7s a hatt 7s a carsey westcoat 15s a pr breeches & other apparrell 2 £ 4s 6d	04	13	06

a large bed & bedstead, 4 Coverlids, 2 pillows, a bolster, 2 good Sheets & Curtains	10:00:00
a good bed, and bedstead, 3 Coverlids 2, Sheets, 3 pillows & Curtains	11:00:00
5 Sheets 2 £ : 2s—4 Cushions 16s 3 pillow bears 4s : 6d	03:02:06
8 napkins 14s : 4d a table Cloth 2s : 6d a blankett 18s a pillion 8s Cloth 6s a Saddle 1£ : 6 : 6	03:15:04
2 Cow-bells 3s 4 forks & a rake 8s an auger 1s : 6d a pr Iron fetters 2s : 6d a Corn fan 10s	01:05:00
2 bedsteads & Some beding 2 £ a barrell of Tobacco 12s	02:12:00
Some hops 2s 2 board Chests 8s a wrought Chest 1 £ : 6s	01:16:00
4 guns 4 £. a gridiron 4s. a frying pan 5s : 6d & Stilliards 18s	05:07:06
2 Cob-irons 18s tongs & fire Slice 8s. 2 hamers 6s a hetchell 12s	02:00:00
a hammer & gimlett 3s. a gouge 1s : 8d. 2 Chiswells 3s branding Iron 3s	00:10:08
a pr Shears 10d box & Irons 6d Chopping knife 10d	00:07:08
a brass Kettle 3 £ 2 dito 1 £ : 10s. a brass Skillett 9s	04:19:00
a brass Kettle 10s Iron pot & hooks 10s	01:00:00
Pewter 1 £ : 13s : 6d. 4 pewter pots 10s 2 pails 2s a glass bottle 6d	02:06:00
2 earthen basons and 2 plates, and other Small pots 3s : 6d a funnell 1s	00:04:06
5 wooden bowls 5s 8 Chairs 10s 3 Spining wheels 10s	01:05:00
a warming pan 6s part of a Churn 1s. 2 wooden bottles 2s 6d	00:07:06
a parcell of Books 14s 4 axes 18s a Crow 2s auger 2s : 6d a Squaw 2s	01:18:06
a Shave 3s : 6d 5 hows 5s a hook 1s a Chain 13s old Cart, wheels, boxes, hoops, pins washer 2 £ : 8s	03:10:06
3 pins for a Cart 3s 2 pr horse Chains 1 £ Staple & ring 1s : 3d 2 pr hames & hooks 3s	01:07:03
a plow & Irons 15s 3 old Sythes & tackling 4s a Saw 4s a table 2s 21 harowteeth 13s	01:18:00
The Addition	£398:13:05
A Division of land lying against Hartford	05:00:00
a division of land lying on the East Side the mountain	02:14:00
a division of land lying on the West Side of the River against Symsbury	00:10:00
a Division of Land against Mr Howkins's nod	00:10:00
Severall Divisions of Land lying Westward of the Town	05:00:00
a mare 1 £ : 5s a parcell of Indian Corn 1 £ : 5s a lot in a place called the Island 1 £ : 16s	04:06:00
The Totall is.....	416:13:03

Thomas Seamer Tho. Hart Thomas Curtis—

A true copy of record
Attest,
Frank M. Mather
Clerk.

[As a collector of early New England furniture "all my life," as I might say, specializing in seventeenth-century New England oak pieces, I cannot fail to note in the foregoing inventory of Captain Richard a "wrought Chest," valued at £1-6. This was undoubtedly a carved oak chest of the type so much sought for to-day by all collectors of early New England furniture. The word "wrought" in characterizing it points definitely to its type. Probably it had carved front panels.

Captain Richard's inventory also itemizes "a parcell of books" valued at 14s. It may be that some of that "parcell of books" had belonged to his father. The inventory also lists "a Squaw" valued at 2s. From the context in which this item occurs I conclude it was a carpenter's tool of some sort.—*G. D. S.*]

Children, born at Farmington:

i. HANNAH[3], m. (1) 29 Nov. 1692, CAPT. JOSEPH[3] POMEROY of Northampton, Mass., b. at Northampton 26 June 1672, d. at Suffield, Mass. (now Suffield, Conn.), 16 Dec. 1712, s. of Dea. Medad[2] (*Eltweed*[1]) and Experience (Woodward); m. (2) at Suffield, 28 Oct. 1713, JOSIAH HALE of Suffield. Children by first husband: 1. *Hannah*, b. 9 June 1694; d. 19 Aug. 1694. 2. *Medad*, b. 18 July 1695; m. 12 Feb. 1718, Hannah Trumbull. 3. *Eliakim*, b. 4 Nov. 1697; d. 10 Nov. 1711. 4. *Hannah*, b. 12 Apr. 1700; m. 6 Nov. 1722, Samuel Granger. 5. *Joseph*, b. 15 July 1702; m. 10 July 1727, Thankful Burbank. 6. *Benjamin*, B.A. (Yale, 1733), b. 19 Nov. 1704; m. 23 Oct. 1734, Abigail Wheelock. 7. *Nathaniel*, b. 23 Jan. 1706; m. 20 July 1733, Susanna Seymour (8, vii), *q.v.*, dau. of John[3] and Elizabeth (Webster). 8. *Noah*, b. 20 Oct. 1709; m. 26 Apr. 1732, Abigail Remington. 9. *Eliakim*, b. 10 Nov. 1711.

11. ii. SAMUEL.

iii. MERCY, b. 6 Jan. 1682/3,* and bapt. 14 Jan. 1682/3; d. 8 Feb. 1730/1; m. in Feb. 1710/11, GEORGE[3] HUBBARD (*Samuel*[2], *George*[1]),

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* "On the same day that his child was born, the father, viz.: Richard Seymour, went early into the woods to look for horses, 5, 6 or 7 miles off; found and followed one homeward:—but like to have perished ere he reached home.

"He was so feeble that he remembreth [nothing after coming down the last mountain by sight, and memory and strength in a manner] gone;—but God who leadeth the blind in a way that they know not, directed him to John Norton, Jun., who was thrashing in his barn, who took him in and put him to bed,—called friends about him, who were diligent in the use of means for his recovery, after some time spent betwixt hope and fear, as not knowing whether he would die or live;—He lying in a sad manner, grating his teeth [and round in his hand that pleased God he exhibited and came to rights again.]

"The day in which this fell out was January 6, 1682,—a snowy Saturday,—especially the latter part of it. Had the man not been directed home, in likelihood he had perished in the wilderness, and perhaps have been so far covered with snow as not to have been found 'till wild fowls or beasts had preyed on him." (Church Records of Farmington, in REGISTER, vol. 12, pp. 38, 147.)

b. 29 Dec. 1680, d. at Farmington 19 Sept. 1751, who m. (2) Sarah ———. He was appointed Lieut. of the Train Band in the parish of Kensington in Middletown, May 1732. Children: 1. *Abigail*, b. 16 Jan. 1711/12; m. Henry Johnson. 2. *Richard*, b. 5 Sept. 1713; m. (1) 22 Jan. 1736, Elizabeth Lee; m. (2) 28 Apr. 1748, Sarah Beckley. 3. *Mercy*, b. 25 June 1715; m. Daniel Smith. 4. *George* (twin), b. 12 July 1717; m. Lydia ———. 5. *Gideon* (twin), b. 12 July 1717; d. 28 July 1717. 6. *Thankful*, b. 23 July 1719; m. 2 Mar. 1737, Joseph Smith, Jr.

12. iv. EBENEZER, bapt. 1 Feb. 1684/5.
13. v. JONATHAN, bapt. 17 Apr. 1687.

6. CAPT. MATTHEW[3] SEYMOUR (*Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Norwalk, Conn., born at Norwalk in May 1669, died there about 1735. He married first SARAH HAYES, born at Norwalk 19 Sept. 1673, living in Feb. 1712, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Moore); and secondly CATHERINE ———.

Matthew Seymour was a selectman of Norwalk for several years and deputy to the General Court from Norwalk in 1712 and 1713. He was made lieutenant in 1710, and was chosen captain of the North Company in Norwalk, 26 May 1729. In his will, dated 4 Jan. 1734/5 and proved 6 Jan. 1735/6, he names wife Catherine, sons Matthew, Samuel, Thomas, and Jehiel, youngest son Daniel (who is under age and is to have the whole of the house after the decease of Catherine, his mother), and daughters Hannah St. John, Elizabeth Bouton, Ruth Smith, Sarah Bouton, Catherine and Susanna. He directs that some of the estate and "also my Negro man Bristoll" be sold. He appoints his wife Catherine and his brother John Seymour as executors. The amount of the inventory was £436. 5s. 1d.

Children by first wife (order of births unknown) :*

14. i. MATTHEW[4], b. abt. 1691, bapt. 7 Oct. 1694.†
15. ii. SAMUEL, bapt. 17 Nov. 1695.†
16. iii. THOMAS, b. abt. 1702.
17. iv. JEHIEL.
    v. HANNAH, d. at Ridgefield, Conn., 22 Aug. 1768; m. 7 June 1721, NATHAN[4] ST. JOHN, b. at Norwalk in 1692, d. at Ridgefield 10 Mar. 1749, s. of Matthias[3] (*Matthias*[2], *Matthias*[1]) and Rachel (Bouton). Children, recorded at Ridgefield: 1. *Hannah*, b. 16 Apr. 1722. 2. *Nathan*, b. 26 Jan. 1724; m. Abigail ———. 3. *David*, b. 15 May 1726; d. young. 4. *Elijah*, b. 20 Apr. 1728;

* It is not certain that Sarah Hayes was mother of all the children.

† The baptism of this child is recorded in the church records of Fairfield, Conn.

d. in 1752. 5. *Rachel*, b. 14 Aug. 1731; m. 20 Dec. 1752, Gideon Betts. 6. *Sarah*, b. 9 Oct. 1733. 7. *Ann*, b. in 1736; m. in 1754, Ebenezer Jones. 8. *David*, b. 18 Nov. 1738; m. 13 Mar. 1762, Mary Smith.

vi. ELIZABETH, m. ELEAZER[4] BOUTON (*John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]), b. at Danbury, Conn., in 1701. Children: 1. *Ezra*, b. 18 Nov. 1723; m. 28 June 1749, Mary Bouton. 2. *Hezekiah*, b. 2 Nov. 1725; m. 12 Oct. 1749, Abigail Penoyer. 3. *Eleazer*, b. 22 Jan. 1728; m. 10 Nov. 1763, Dinah Benedict.* 4. *Elizabeth*, b. 8 Feb. 1730. 5. *Sarah*, b. 19 Dec. 1733. 6. *Matthew*, b. 17 or 19 Mar. 1735; m. Rachel ———. 7. *Ruth*, b. 6 or 16 July 1737; m. in Sept. 1763, Stephen Rusco. 8. *Hannah*, b. 2 Oct. 1739; m. in 1764, Nathaniel Gray. 9. *Seymour*, b. 28 June 1742; m. 16 Jan. 1765, Esther Levake. 10. *Nathan*, b. 4 Mar. 1745; m. (1) Dorothy ———; m. (2) Rhoda Curtis. 11. *Simeon*, b. 11 Apr. 1748. 12. *Levi*, b. 15 Oct. 1750; m. (1) Hannah Waterbury; m. (2) Polly Ketcham.

vii. RUTH, m. at Ridgefield, Conn., 12 June 1729, JABEZ[4] SMITH, b. at Milford, Conn., 29 Nov. 1705, d. at Ridgefield, 22 Sept. 1787, in his 82d year, s. of Thomas[3] (*John*[2], *John*[1]) and Hannah (Camp). Children, recorded at Ridgefield: 1. *Sarah*, b. 17 Sept. 1730. 2. *Jabez*, b. 12 Dec. 1731. 3. *Abraham*, b. 6 June 1733. 4. *Joel*, b. 9 —— 1735/6. 5. *Ruth*, b. 16 Jan. 1736/7.

viii. SARAH,† m. before Jan. 1734/5, JOHN BOUTON.

Children by second wife:

ix. CATHERINE,† d. before her father, probably in 1735. A bequest was made to her in his will, but the statement is appended that before the execution of the will the aforesaid Catherine had departed this life.

x. SUSANNA,† m. before Mar. 1742/3, JOSIAH RUSCO.

18. xi. DANIEL.

7. JOHN[3] SEYMOUR (*Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Norwalk, Conn., born at Norwalk, died there in the summer of 1746. He married first SARAH[3] GREGORY, born at Norwalk 15 Sept. 1678, daughter of Jachin[2] (*John*[1]); and secondly, about 1723/24, HANNAH (HIGGINBOTHAM) GOLD, widow of John Gold, Jr.,‡ and daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Munson) (Cooper) Higginbothom.

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* Robert W. G.[10] Vail, Librarian of the American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass., descends from Eleazer[5] Bouton through Eleazer[6] Bouton, George[7] Bouton, Cephas[8] Boughton, and Mary Elizabeth[9] (Boughton) Vail.

† In the absence of dates it is probable that Catherine and Susanna and possibly Sarah were children of the second wife, Catherine.

‡ She had by her former husband a daughter Hannah, who married James Hoyt of Norwalk. James Hoyt gave a receipt dated 20 Feb. 1732/3, to Hannah Saymore, the mother and guardian of his wife Hannah.

In his will, dated 28 Apr. 1746, with two codicils dated 5 May and 26 May 1746, and proved 5 Aug. 1746, he names wife Hannah and son John Seymour of Norwalk (who are appointed executors), daughter Mary Hanford and her husband Thomas, to whom is given land bordering on land formerly belonging to the testator's brother Matthew, "other four" daughters, viz., Sarah Trowbridge, Abigail Selleck, Rebecca Bouton, and Martha Jarvis, and grandsons John Seymour (under twenty-one) and Munson Jarvis, son of Samuel and Martha Jarvis. The amount of the inventory, £4797. 10s., shows an unusually large estate.

Children by first wife:

19. i. JOHN[4], b. abt. 1710.

ii. MARY, living a widow at Norwalk 16 Dec. 1754; m. THOMAS HANFORD, who d. before 5 Apr. 1748, when his children Thomas, aged 19, and Elizabeth, aged 15, chose John Seymour of Norwalk as their guardian. Children: 1. *Thomas*, b. abt. 1728. 2. *Elizabeth*, b. abt. 1732. 3. *Gershom*.

iii. SARAH, m. at Norwalk, in 1725, DANIEL[4] TROWBRIDGE, b. at Stratford, Conn., 13 Aug. 1701, s. of James[3] (*William*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Mary (Belden). They lived in Wilton Parish, Norwalk. Children: 1. *Daniel*, b. 25 Aug. 1726; m. Deborah ———. 2. *Stephen*, b. 16 Dec. 1727. 3. *James*, b. 14 Dec. 1729; m. 27 Nov. 1752, Molly Dunning. 4. *Sarah*, b. abt. 1732; m. 18 Sept. 1754, James Olmstead of Wilton. 5. *Abigail*, b. abt. 1735; m. 11 Sept. 1759, David Hitchcock of New Milford, Conn. 6. *Elizabeth*, b. abt. 1739; m. 31 Mar. 1763, Aaron Hitchcock of New Milford, Conn. 7. *Joseph*, b. 11 May 1741; m. 6 Mar. 1763, Martha Hickox. 8. *Samuel*, bapt. 18 Sept. 1743. 9. *Lydia*, bapt. 27 Oct. 1745. 10. *William*, bapt. 30 Dec. 1747; m. 8 Aug. 1772, Hephzibah Weller.

iv. ABIGAIL, m. at Norwalk, 5 Nov. 1729, JOHN[4] SELLECK, b. at Norwalk 3 Jan. 1706/7, s. of Nathaniel[3] (*John*[2], *David*[1]) and Sarah (Lockwood). Children: 1. *John*, b. 18 Aug. 1730. 2. *Bethuel*, b. 27 Mar. 1732. 3. *Seymour*, b. 1 Mar. 1734. 4. *Abigail*, b. 12 May 1736. 5. *Martha*, b. 6 Feb. 1739. 6. *Mercy*, b. 9 Oct. 1740.

v. REBECCA, d. between 21 Aug. and 7 Nov. 1775; m. (1) at Norwalk, 6 July 1734, ELIJAH[4] WHITNEY, b. 16 Apr. 1710, d. prior to 15 Dec. 1741, s. of Richard[3] (*John*[2], *Henry*[1]) and Hannah (Darling); m. (2) JOHN[4] BOUTON (*Matthew*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]); m. (3) CAPT. JOSEPH STARR of Danbury, Conn. Children by first husband: 1. *Hannah*, b. 22 Apr. 1735. 2. *Elijah*, b. 13 Oct. 1736; m. Elizabeth Perry. 3. *Samuel*. Children by second husband: 4. *Rebecca*, b. abt. 1746; m. in 1766 Abial Phillips. 5. *John*, d. abt. 1777. 6. *James*, m. Elizabeth ———. Child by third husband: 7. *Levi*, b. 9 Apr. 1759; m. 22 Dec. 1779, Mabel Read.

Child by second wife:

vi. MARTHA, b. in 1726; d. 1 Dec. 1803; m. 18 Dec. 1741, SAMUEL[3] JARVIS, b. 27 Dec. 1720, d. 25 Feb. 1783, s. of Capt. Samuel[2] (*William*[1]) and Naomi (Brush). He was town clerk of Stamford, Conn., 1760-1775. Children: 1. *Munson*, b. 11 Oct. 1742; m. 4 Mar. 1770, Mary Arnold. 2. *Samuel*, b. 4 July 1745; m. 21 Oct. 1771, Elizabeth Marvin. 3. *Polly*, b. 21 Feb. 1747; m. 18 June 1763, Tyler Dibble. 4. *Martha*, b. 27 Dec. 1748; m. ——— King. 5. *Sarah*, b. 28 Nov. 1750; m. ——— Munday. 6. *John*, b. 11 Oct. 1752. 7. *Seymour*, b. 8 Sept. 1754; d. 26 May 1761. 8. *William*, b. 11 Sept. 1756; m. 12 Dec. 1785, Hannah Owen Peters. 9. *Hannah*, b. 27 Sept. 1758; m. Rev. John Ingersoll. 10. *Lavinia*, b. 5 Oct. 1761; m. Rev. Ambrose Todd. 11. *Seymour*, b. 22 Dec. 1765; m. Isabella Odell.

8. JOHN[3] SEYMOUR (*John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 12 June 1666, died there 17 May 1748. He married at Hartford, 19 Dec. 1693, ELIZABETH[3] WEBSTER, baptized at Hartford 8 Feb. 1673/4, buried there 15 May 1754, daughter of Lieut. Robert[2] and Susanna (Treat), granddaughter of Gov. John[1] and Agnes (Smith), and niece of Gov. Robert Treat.

John Seymour lived southwesterly from the State House, on the south road to Farmington, just west of Rocky Hill. Here his "Mansion House" was located, but he was extensive land-owner in Litchfield and Hartford counties, as appears by his will. He and his wife Elizabeth were admitted to the South Church, 30 Mar. 1712.

He was appointed Surveyor of Highways, 20 Dec. 1720, and the next year he was appointed one of the Inspectors to see that the act concerning the cutting of wood was duly executed. The act shows that the conservation of forest resources was an early idea, and John Seymour is perhaps entitled to be enrolled among the earliest of American foresters in the service of the state. Mr. John Seymour was chosen Selectman, 11 Dec. 1729.

On 21 Sept. 1722, he was appointed one of the Committee "to view the Western Lands," and to report to the next Town Meeting where may be the best place for a new town. On 25 Dec. following, he was appointed with Samuel Catlin and William Baker to act in conjunction with a Committee from Windsor, "to make a further view of the Land West of the Easternmost Stream of Waterbury River, and northward of Litchfield, in order to the Settling another Town." The Committee reported, 1 Apr. 1723, the laying out of another

town of 67 allotments, and their report was accepted and ratified in Town Meeting.

All this had been done in defiance of a declaration of the General Assembly in 1719, that the whole tract of land lying north of Litchfield and Woodbury "should lie for the further disposal of the Assembly." Nevertheless, the towns of Hartford and Windsor had a claim of sorts going back to 1686, when a hasty grant was made to them by the General Assembly of nearly all the western portion of the Colony, then unsettled. This was done, in anticipation of the coming of Andros as Royal Governor, in the fear that he might attempt to sequestrate all the unappropriated lands held under the Charter of 1662. After the flight of Andros, no action was taken regarding the lands, and no settlements were made until Litchfield was laid out in 1717.

Official cognizance was then taken of the matter, and in 1719 the Assembly confirmed what had been done thus far, but tried to halt further settlements. When Hartford and Windsor proceeded vigorously with plans to lay out another town, the Assembly was aroused, and in May 1723 ordered the King's Attorney for the County of New Haven to arrest the Hartford and Windsor Committees in charge of the matter. It was necessary to call upon officials outside of Hartford County, because public feeling ran so high. John Seymour, Samuel Catlin, Baker, Ellsworth and Moore, were arrested and prosecuted. Hartford responded by appointing Joseph Talcott, Esq., Capt. Hezekiah Wyllys, Lieut. Thomas Seymour, and Mr. James Ensign, to explain and defend the doings of the two towns. After long discussion and delay, the affair was settled by a compromise, the territory now embraced in Colebrook, Hartland, Winchester, Barkhamsted, Torrington, New Hartford, and Harwinton being ceded to Hartford and Windsor, the remainder being at the disposal of the General Assembly.

In Dec. 1733, John Seymour was moderator of a meeting of the first proprietors of New Hartford, held in Hartford. He owned several lots in that town, and by will provided his sons, John, Jonathan and Zebulon, with farms there. In 1737 he was appointed by the General Assembly one of the Committee to settle the location of the meeting-house at Wintonbury.

An undated document in the Wyllys Papers shows that "John Seamore," with others, petitioned for compensation for having been impressed and appointed under Sir Edmond Andros to go, under the

command of Robert Treat, Esq., now Governor, in the expedition to Northfield, "Exposed to the Hazzards and Hardships of the winter season, and to the rage and Fury of our Foes, which might as well haue been Felt as Feared."

By his will, dated Sept. 1747 and proved 6 June 1748, he divided his lands among his sons, John, Jr., Timothy, Daniel, Jonathan, Nathaniel, Zebulon, Moses, and Richard. He also provided for his wife, Elizabeth, and directed that his three daughters, Elizabeth, Susanna Pomeroy, and Margaret Catlin, should have £30 each. In his will he mentions half of the lot he had purchased of his brother, Thomas Seymour deceased, and also his share of land in Hartford, as yet common and undivided, which he held with Elisha Smith and wife Ruth in her right, daughter of his said brother, Thomas Seymour. He appointed his three eldest sons, John, Jr., Timothy, and Daniel Seymour, as his executors.

He was buried in the old graveyard back of the First Church in Hartford, where his headstone may still be seen, as illustrated herein.

Children, born at Hartford and baptized at the Second Church, Hartford:

20. i. JOHN[4], b. 25 Dec. 1694.
21. ii. TIMOTHY, b. 17 June 1696.
22. iii. DANIEL, b. 20 Oct. 1698.
iv. ELIZABETH, b. 1 May 1700; d. at Harwinton, Conn., 23 May 1761; m. at Hartford, 25 Sept. 1729, her first cousin, CYPRIAN[4] WEBSTER, b. at Hartford 3 Sept. 1701, d. at Harwinton 24 Dec. 1770, s. of William[3] (*Robert*[2], *John*[1]) and Sarah (Nichols). Children: 1. *Elizabeth*, b. 19 July 1730; d. 3 Aug. 1730. 2. *Elizabeth*, b. 19 June 1731; m. 31 Jan. 1787, William Hayden. 3. *Cyprian*, b. 28 July 1733; m. 25 Feb. 1768, Sarah Hayden. 4. *Timothy*, b. 11 Oct. 1734; d. 23 Jan. 1756.
23. v. JONATHAN, b. 16 Mar. 1702/3.
24. vi. NATHANIEL, b. 17 Nov. 1704.
vii. SUSANNA, b. 13 Apr. 1706; d. 27 Feb. 1778; m. at West Hartford, Conn., 20 July 1733, her second cousin, NATHANIEL[4] POMEROY (5, i, 7), *q.v.*, s. of Joseph[3] (*Medad*[2], *Eltweed*[1]) and Hannah (Seymour). Children: 1. *Nathaniel*, b. 23 May 1734; m. 16 Sept. 1756, Abigail King. 2. *Lucina*, b. 27 Oct. 1736; m. 19 Apr. 1759, James Smith. 3. *Susanna*, b. 17 Jan. 1738; m. Ichabod Smith. 4. *John*, b. 7 Mar. 1741; m. Elizabeth King. 5. *Daniel*, b. 19 Feb. 1744; m. 7 July 1768, Hannah Hale. 6. *Asa*, b. 1 June 1749; m. 15 Dec. 1771, Mary King.
viii. MARGARET. b. 30 Jan. 1707/8; d. at Litchfield 5 Oct. 1792; m. at Litchfield, 25 Aug. 1731, JOHN[4] CATLIN, b. at Hartford 20 Oct.

1703, d. at Litchfield 25 Dec. 1768, s. of Samuel[3] (*John*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Elizabeth (Norton). He was appointed Ensign of the 2d Co. in Litchfield, May 1749, and Lieut., May 1752. Children: 1. *John*, b. 30 July 1732. 2. *Eli*, b. 22 Jan. 1733/4; m. Elizabeth Ely. 3. *Theodore*, b. 16 Oct. 1735; m. 12 Nov. 1758, Mary Goodwin. 4. *Alexander*, b. 6 Jan. 1738/9; m. 26 Feb. 1766, Abigail Goodman.* 5. *Margaret*, b. 4 Nov. 1741. 6. *Anna*, b. 12 Oct. 1743; m. Seth Wadhams. 7. *Ashbel*, b. 10 Sept. 1745; m. (1) Sarah Palmer; m. (2) Huldah (Seymour) Gross. 8. *David*, b. 21 Apr. 1747; m. Rhoda Peck. 9. *Roswell*, b. 30 July 1752; m. Rhoda Smith.

25. ix. ZEBULON, b. 14 May 1709.
26. x. MOSES, b. 17 Feb. 1710/11.
27. xi. RICHARD, bapt. 22 Mar. 1712/13.

9. CAPT. THOMAS[3] SEYMOUR (*John*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Hartford, Conn., born at Hartford 12 Mar. 1668/9, died there 30 Aug. 1740, He married first, 19 Feb. 1700, RUTH[3] NORTON, born about 1675, died at Hartford 19 July 1710, daughter of John[2] (*John*[1]) and Ruth (Moore) of Farmington, Conn.; and secondly, at Hartford, 21 June 1711, MARY WATERS, who died 18 Apr. 1746, in her 69th year, daughter of Bevil of Hartford.

Capt. Thomas Seymour was one of the prominent men of his day in Hartford. Besides holding various town offices, he was a deputy from Hartford to the General Court, 1719-1728, and was chosen ensign of the South Side military company at Hartford in April or May 1713, lieutenant of the same company 24 Nov. 1720, and captain 12 Oct. 1725.

Capt. Seymour served on many Committees appointed by the Town of Hartford: On 14 Dec. 1725, he was one of a Committee appointed "to take the best advice they can what is best to be done with the Town bell under the present broken Circumstances of it, and to Take it down get it mended, or Send it home to England, or whatever they think most proper." He was chosen Selectman, 21 Dec. 1731, for the year ensuing.

He owned large tracts of land in Hartford, Wethersfield, Waterbury, and elsewhere in Connecticut, which by his will, dated 4 May

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*Almira[6] Catlin (1777-1846), daughter of Capt. Alexander[5] and Abigail (Goodman), married Stephen Twining (1767-1832), and became the mother of Anne Loring[7] Twining, wife of James Hadley, who in turn became the mother of Arthur Twining[8] Hadley, the noted economist and educator, president of Yale University.

1738 but not signed,* he gave to his two sons, Thomas and Bevil, directing that certain of these lands should descend to their eldest male heirs in a right line forever to the end of the world, without liberty to sell or to alter the property thereof. In his will he also named his daughter Mary, who had already received property from her father, his daughter Ruth Seymour, to whom he gave certain lands, part of which lay in common with his brother John Seymour, and his three youngest daughters, Sarah, Alice, and Jerusha, who were to receive his house and homestead in equal proportions, reserving to his wife the use of the north room and northwest cellar during her life. His negro man named Sias he bequeathed to son Thomas, who was also to have the rest of the movable estate, "for redeeming of his land mortgaged to the Country on account of the New London Society."

Children by first wife, born at Hartford:

i. MARY[4], b. 3 Nov. 1703; m. 23 Dec. 1725, her first cousin, NATHANIEL[4] SEYMOUR (24), *q.v.*, s. of John[3] and Elizabeth (Webster).

28. ii. THOMAS, b. 29 July 1705.

iii. RUTH, b. 10 Nov. 1707; m. DR. ELISHA[3] SMITH, b. at Hartford 30 June 1706, d. in 1754, s. of Simon[2] (*Joseph*[1]) and Hannah (Bliss). Children, b. at Hartford: 1. *Urania*, bapt. 30 Sept. 1739; m. Joseph Willard. 2. *Elisha*, bapt. in Sept. 1740. 3. *Ruth*, b. in 1742; m. 14 Nov. 1772, Ira[6] Seymour, s. of David[5] and Lucy (Alvord). 4. *Moses*, b. 21 Dec. 1747; m. 31 Dec. 1772, Mabel[6] Seymour, dau. of Daniel[5] and Lydia (King). 5. *Margaret*.

Children by second wife, baptized in the Second Church, Hartford:

29. iv. BEVIL, bapt. 11 Jan. 1712/13.

v. SARAH, bapt. 31 May 1714; d. at Windham, Conn., 19 Feb. 1788; m. (1) at Farmington, Conn., 1 July 1740, ISAAC[4] NORTON, JR., Ensign of the 7th Co., 6th Regt., b. at Farmington 1 Sept. 1713, d. there 4 Sept. 1751, s. of Isaac[3] (*John*[2], *John*[1]) and Elizabeth (Galpin); m. (2) 7 Aug. 1754, HON. JONATHAN[4] HUNTINGTON, a member of the Council, and Judge of the Windham County Court, b. at Windham 7 Oct. 1695, d. there 15 Sept. 1773, s. of Joseph[3] (*Simon*[2], *Simon*[1]) and Rebecca (Adgate). Children by first husband: 1. *Sarah*, b. 5 Aug. 1741; m. 4 Dec. 1757, Eleazer Wales. 2. *Isaac*, d. young. 3. *Huldah*, m. William Stillman. Children by second husband: 4. *Horatio*, b. 28 June 1755; d. 17

* The original will was lost after filing with the judge of probate, but by an act of the General Assembly in 1749 a copy of the same was ordered to be recorded in the Probate Court records. Identification of children and husbands of the daughters is afforded by Conn. Col. Records, vol. 9, pp. 367, 435, and Hartford Land Records, vol. 7, p. 329.

Sept. 1759. 5. *Roger*, b. 3 Dec. 1757; m. (1) 10 Aug. 1780, Susanna Elderkin; m. (2) 29 Nov. 1798, Wealthan Huntington.

vi. JARED, bapt. 2 Oct. 1715; not named in his father's will.

vii. ALICE, bapt. 15 Feb. 1718/19; d. 8 May 1766; m. AUGUSTUS[4] STANLEY, b. at Hartford 31 Mar. 1713, d. at West Hartford 8 Mar. 1770, s. of Col. Nathaniel[3] (*Nathaniel*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Anna (Whiting). Children: 1. *Allyn*, b. 1739; m. (intention recorded 13 July 1766) Elizabeth Webb. 2. *John*, m. (1) in Sept. 1770, Ruth Lewis; m. (2) 12 Jan. 1783, Anna Gibbs. 3. *Mabel*, d. 15 Mar. 1759, aged 17. 4. *Roswell*,* b. 1745; m. (1) Dorothy Shepard; m. (2) 18 Sept. 1791, Ann Nicoll. 5. *James*, m. 28 July 1765, Esther Gridley. 6. *Lucy*, bapt. 23 Oct. 1748; d. young. 7. *Judah*, bapt. 28 Oct. 1750; m. 25 May 1780, Esther (Clark) Moss. 8. *Lucy*, bapt. 9 Aug. 1752; m. Samuel Miller. 9. *Frederick*, bapt. 20 Jan. 1754; m. Martha Bigelow. 10. *Levi*, bapt. 9 Nov. 1755. 11. *Whiting*, bapt. 5 Mar. 1758; m. Abigail Day. 12. *Lewis*, bapt. 17 Aug. 1760; d. in captivity in Oct. 1777.

viii. JOSIAH, bapt. 23 July 1721; not named in his father's will.

ix. JERUSHA, bapt. 29 Dec. 1723; d. unm.; bur. 14 Dec. 1755. Her will, dated 10 Dec. 1755, and proved 17 Apr. 1756, mentions her four sisters, Mary Seymour, Sarah Huntington, sister Smith, and sister "Elen" Stanley.

10. ZACHARIAH[3] SEYMOUR (*John*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Hartford Conn., born at Hartford 10 Jan. 1684/5, was living there 14 Feb. 1754. He married at Hartford, 24 Nov. 1709, HANNAH[4] OLMSTEAD, baptized at Hartford 2 Nov. 1690, daughter of Dea. Joseph[3] (*Nicholas*[2], *James*[1]) and Elizabeth (Butler).

He was chosen Collector on the South Side of the Little River, 18 Dec. 1711. He was chosen, 20 Dec. 1720, one of the Inspectors to see that the act concerning the cutting of wood on the Commons be duly executed, and reappointed 1721, 1726, 1728, 1732, and 1739. He was chosen Selectman, 17 Dec. 1724. He was Surveyor of Highways, 6 Dec. 1743, and one of the Inspectors of Wood. He was Sergeant of the Hartford Train Band. He and his wife were admitted to the South Church, 23 June 1723.

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* One of Roswell's children by his second wife was Harriet[6] Stanley, b. at Hartford, 22 Mar. 1796, d. 26 Aug. 1827, m. 10 May 1816, Giles Mansfield, b. at New Haven, Conn., 15 Jan. 1793, d. there 15 July 1875. One of their children, John W.[7] Mansfield, b. 15 Oct. 1819, d. 3 Aug. 1879, m. 14 Dec. 1852, Mary A. Macumber, and had two children: 1. Emily Dwight[8] Mansfield, b. 17 Nov. 1853, d. at New York, 23 Apr. 1928; m. 31 May 1881. Charles H. Ferry, b. at Utica, N. Y., 1 Sept. 1851, d. at Phoenix, Arizona, 2 May 1910; and had children: (1) Mansfield,[9] b. 21 June 1882; (2) Ronald Mansfield, b. 14 June 1891. 2. May[8] Mansfield, b. 1 May 1858, d. at New Haven, 10 May 1908. These Mansfield sisters were remarkable women, with whom the publisher of this volume was personally acquainted.

On 14 Feb. 1754, Zachariah Seymour of Hartford conveyed to Zachariah Seymour of Harwinton, Conn., all his right to undivided land in Hartford on the west side. On the same day Joseph Seymour and Rebecca Seymour, both of Hartford, and Jacob Hinsdale and wife Hannah of Harwinton conveyed to Zachariah Seymour of Harwinton all their right to any property they might have from their honored father, Zachariah Seymour of Hartford.

Children, born or baptized at Hartford:

i. HANNAH[4], b. 17 Dec. 1710; d. at Harwinton, Conn., 25 May 1780; m. at Hartford, 8 July 1731, CAPT. JACOB[4] HINSDALE, b. at Hartford 4 July 1698, d. at Harwinton 25 Dec. 1765, s. of Barnabas[3] (*Barnabas*[2], *Robert*[1]) and Martha (Smith). They settled at Harwinton, on lands inherited from Jacob Hinsdale's father. He was a captain and served in the French War, and was also a selectman and a member of the General Court. Children: 1. *Anne*, bapt. 15 Sept. 1732. 2. *Jacob*, b. probably at Hartford in 1734; m. (1) 11 May 1758, Mary Brace; m. (2) 3 Apr. 1802, Rachel (Brace) Goodwin. 3. *Hannah*, b. at Harwinton 27 Feb. 1736; m. 7 Mar. 1759, William Cook. 4. *Lois*, b. 27 Feb. 1737. 5. *Stephen*, b. 16 Nov. 1738; d. 7 Nov. 1741. 6. *Ezra*, b. 5 Jan. 1741; m. 15 Nov. 1764, Sarah Hopkins. 7. *Stephen* (twin), b. 22 Mar. 1743; m. 14 Nov. 1771, Rhoda Judd. 8. *Samuel* (twin), b. 22 Mar. 1743. 9. *George*, b. 5 Apr. 1745; m. 25 Nov. 1767, Phebe Allen. 10. *Sarah*, b. 1 Mar. 1747.

30. ii. ZACHARIAH, b. 24 Sept. 1712.

iii. REBECCA, b. 2 Oct. 1714; living unm. at Hartford in 1754.

iv. JOSEPH, bapt. 17 Nov. 1717; d. young.

v. STEPHEN, bapt. 27 Dec. 1719; d. young.

vi. ANNE, bapt. 15 Apr. 1722; d. young.

31. vii. JOSEPH, bapt. 14 July 1728.

11. SERGT. SAMUEL[3] SEYMOUR (*Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Farmington, Conn., born at Farmington, died about 1749. He married at Farmington, 10 May 1706, HANNAH[3] NORTH, living 19 Apr. 1758, when she became a member of a new church at New Britain, Conn., organized on that date, daughter of Thomas[2] (*John*[1]) and Hannah (Newell).

Samuel Seymour lived at Kensington Parish, Farmington. He owned the covenant in the Farmington church, 11 May 1707; and he and his wife were among the ten original members of the Kensington church, which was formed 10 Dec. 1712. Administration on the estate of Samuel Seymour, late of Farmington, was granted 1 Aug. 1749 to Isaac North of Wethersfield, Conn., who gave bonds with

James North of Farmington. A division of the estate was made 17 Jan. 1749/50 between Hannah Seymour, the widow, the heirs of Samuel Seymour, Hannah wife of Allen Goodrich, Mary wife of Dea. Anthony Judd, Rebecca wife of Elisha Goodrich, Mercy wife of Uriah Judd, Sarah wife of James North, and Ruth wife of Phineas Judd.

Children, born at Farmington:

i. HANNAH[4], b. 28 Mar. 1706/7; m. at Farmington, 10 Dec. 1729, as his second wife, ALLEN[3] GOODRICH, b. at Wethersfield, Conn., 13 Nov. 1690, d. 8 Apr. 1764, s. of John[2] (*William*[1]) and Rebecca (Allen). They resided at Wethersfield and Farmington. Children: 1. *John*, b. 26 Mar. 1734; m. 7 Oct. 1757, Hannah Dewey. 2. *Asahel*, b. 13 Sept. 1736; m. (1) 1 Jan. 1764, Abigail Gilbert; m. (2) 3 Nov. 1775, Sarah Woodruff.

ii. MARY, b. 13 Nov. 1708; d. *s.p.*; m., as his second wife, DEA. ANTHONY[3] JUDD, s. of John[2] (*Thomas*[1]) and Mary (Howkins).* The will of Dea. Anthony Judd of the parish of Kensington, town of Farmington, dated 3 Jan. 1749/50, names his wife Mary, his two daughters, viz., Lydia wife of Job Cole and Susanna relict of Samuel Seymour dec'd,† and his three sons, Amos Phineas,† and John.

iii. REBECCA, b. 23 June 1711; d. 2 May 1792; m. at Farmington, 21 Nov. 1734, ELISHA[4] GOODRICH, b. 2 Sept. 1712, s. of Allen[3] (*John*[2], *William*[1]) and Elizabeth (Goodrich) and stepson of Rebecca's sister Hannah. Children: 1. *Elisha*, b. 12 Mar. 1736; m. 29 June 1758, Sybil Mix. 2. *Josiah*, b. 15 Jan. 1740; m. (1) 10 Sept. 1767, Ruth Gilbert; m. (2) 25 Feb. 1779, Abigail (Wolcott) Wright.

32. iv. SAMUEL.

v. MERCY, b. 11 Sept. 1715; d. at Lenox, Mass.; m. at Farmington, 19 Feb. 1747, as his second wife, URIAH[4] JUDD, b. at Farmington 28 Dec. 1713, d. at Lenox, s. of Benjamin[3] (*Benjamin*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Susanna (North).‡ They removed to Pittsfield, Mass., in May 1769, and thence to Lenox in 1774. Children: 1. *Uriah*, b. 20 Dec. 1745;§ m. (1) in 1772 Lucy Miller; m. (2) Elizabeth Brattle. 2. *Mehitabel*, m. Benjamin Bush of Sheffield [?Mass.]. 3. *Samuel*, m. (intention recorded 23 Apr. 1774) Naomi Noble. 4. *Benjamin*, b. 3 July 1755; m. in 1776, Keziah Jacobs. 5. *Mercy*, m. Rufus Parker of Lenox. 6. *Molly*, b. 7 May 1761; m. Titus Parker of Lenox.

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* Dea. Anthony Judd married first, 26 June 1707, Susanna Woodford.

† Susanna, daughter of Dea. Anthony Judd by his first wife, married Samuel[4] Seymour (32), brother of her stepmother, Mary (Seymour) Judd. Dea. Anthony Judd's son Phineas married Ruth[4] Seymour (11, vii), sister of his stepmother.

‡ Uriah Judd married first, 20 Dec. 1744, Mabel Bidwell, who died 25 Aug. 1745.

§ *Sic.* Probably an error in the year. Uriah's first child was named Seymour.

vi. SARAH, b. abt. 1720; d. 20 Aug. 1781, aged 61; m. (1) her first cousin, JAMES[4] NORTH, b. 17 Apr. 1709, d. at Canaan, Conn., in 1758, s. of Thomas[3] (*Thomas*[2], *John*[1]) and Martha (Royce); m. (2) 27 Sept. 1759, JUDAH HART, b. 25 Oct. 1709, d. 14 Sept. 1784, s. of John and Esther (Gridley). Children by first husband: 1. *Thomas*, drowned in the French and Indian War. 2. *Asher*, b. in 1741; m. 29 Apr. 1773, Betsey Foster. 3. *Lydia*, b. abt. 1746; d. unm. 18 Apr. 1814, aged 68. 4. *James*, b. 18 Jan. 1748; m. 29 Sept. 1774, Rhoda Judd. 5. *Sarah*, b. 22 Feb. 1749; m. 19 Apr. 1770, Judah Hart, Jr. 6. *Mercy*, b. in 1753; m. 18 July 1782, Samuel Bass.

vii. RUTH, b. abt. 1724; d. 23 Nov. 1799, aged 75; m. PHINEAS[4] JUDD, b. at Farmington 4 Feb. 1714/15, d. there 22 Dec. 1790, aged 75, s. of Dea. Anthony[3] (*John*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Susanna (Woodford) and stepson of Ruth's sister Mary. The will of Capt. Phineas Judd of Berlin [Conn.], dated 14 Apr. 1788, and proved 4 Jan. 1791, names wife Ruth, three sons, Anthony, Job, and Isaac, daughters Ruth Root, Susanna Smith, and Hannah Hooker, and two granddaughters, Betsey and Polly Judd, both under 18. Children: 1. *Phineas*, b. 30 Dec. 1750; m. 17 Dec. 1780, Elizabeth Mazuzen. 2. *Anthony*, b. 1 Aug. 1752; m. 29 Aug. 1782, Rebecca Belden. 3. *Ruth*, b. 31 Mar. 1754; m. (1) 11 Oct. 1772, Gordon Smith; m. (2) Elijah Root. 4. *Susanna*, b. 7 Feb. 1756; m. 7 July 1774, Elijah Smith. 5. *Job*, b. 21 Oct. 1757; m. ——— Andrus. 6. *Isaac*. 7. *Hannah*, b. 15 Mar. 1761; m. 17 Mar. 1785, Martin Hooker. 8. *Selah*, b. 17 July 1763; m. Elizabeth Andrews.

12. EBENEZER[3] SEYMOUR (*Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]), baptized at Farmington, Conn., 1 Feb. 1684/5, died before Sept. 1733, when his widow, Abigail Seymour, appears in a deed. He married at Farmington, 29 Dec. 1709, ABIGAIL[3] HOLLISTER, born at Wethersfield, Conn., 16 Aug. 1688, daughter of Capt. Stephen[2] (*John*[1]) and Abigail (Treat).

Ebenezer Seymour settled in Kensington Parish, Farmington, and in a deed dated 1 Feb. 1723/4 is described as formerly of Farmington and now living on a "peculiar" (later called Meriden) between Wallingford and Farmington. Still later Ebenezer is described as of Pilgrim's Harbor, which is now known as West Meriden, Conn. After his death his widow Abigail apparently returned to Kensington Parish.

Children:

i. ABIGAIL[4], b. at Farmington 3 Mar. 1710/11; d. at Suffield, Conn., in June 1796;* m. at Suffield, 30 Mar. 1727, EBENEZER[4] KING, b.

* At her death it is said that she left 180 descendants.

at Suffield 8 Dec. 1706, d. there 17 June 1781, s. of James[3] (*James*[2], *William*[1]) and Elizabeth (Huxley). Children, b. at Suffield: 1. *Ebenezer*, b. 22 Feb. 1728; m. (1) 11 Dec. 1751, Chloe Kent; m. (2) 10 Aug. 1773, Eunice Hale. 2. *Lucy*, b. 29 Aug. 1735; m. ——— Ball. 3. *Abigail*, b. 11 Feb. 1738; m. 16 Sept. 1756, Nathaniel Pomeroy. 4. *Dan*, b. 11 Oct. 1741; m. (1) 13 Sept. 1767, Thankful Bronson; m. (2) 26 Nov. 1800, Delight Parks. 5. *Amos*, b. 28 Sept. 1743; m. Mary Penguilly. 6. *Elizabeth*, b. 29 Oct. 1746; m. (1) John Pomeroy; m. (2) ——— Curtis. 7. *Mary*, b. 7 Dec. 1748; m. 15 Dec. 1771, Asa Pomeroy.

ii. ANNA, b. at Farmington 28 July 1712; d. at Suffield, Conn., 8 Apr. 1773; m. 11 Aug. 1731, ROBERT[3] GRANGER of Suffield, b. 6 May 1710, d. 14 Feb. 1785, s. of Samuel[2] (*Launcelot*[1]) and Esther (Hanchett). Children, b. at Suffield: 1. *Anne*, b. 13 July 1732. 2. *Robert*, b. 22 Sept. 1734; d. young. 3. *Zadock*, b. 20 July 1736; m. 23 Nov. 1761, Martha Cooley. 4. *Huldah*, b. 7 May 1741; d. 26 Jan. 1742/3. 5. *Huldah*, b. 16 Sept. 1746. 6. *Robert*, b. in 1747; m. 15 Oct. 1765, Elizabeth Kendall. 7. *Ruth*, b. 11 Feb. 1748; m. 28 Oct. 1767, Daniel Roe. 8. *Ebenezer*, b. 18 Oct. 1752; d. unm. 26 May 1771. 9. *Elizabeth*, b. 8 June 1755; m. 26 May 1774, Joel Hathaway.

iii. ELIZABETH, b. 28 Apr. 1714; d. at Watertown, Conn., 18 Dec. 1800, aged 87; m. at Waterbury, Conn., 28 Feb. 1734/5, LIEUT. EBENEZER[4] RICHARDS, b. at Waterbury 12 May 1713, d. at Watertown 20 Oct. 1758, s. of John[3] (*Obadiah*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Mary (Welton). Children: 1. *Elizabeth*, b. 25 May 1734; m. 10 Apr. 1755, John Judd. 2. *Samuel*, b. 14 Apr. 1736; d. 28 Aug. 1758. 3. *Abigail*, b. 21 Sept. 1738; d. 27 Oct. 1741. 4. *Gideon*, b. 10 Oct. 1740; d. 22 Oct. 1741. 5. *Gideon*, b. 21 Nov. 1742; d. 21 Feb. 1771. 6. *Noah*, b. 14 Sept. 1745. 7. *Timothy*, b. 27 Dec. 1747. 8. *Asa*, b. 21 Apr. 1750; d. 20 Feb. 1758. 9. *Obadiah*, b. 18 May 1752. 10. *Abraham*, b. 5 Aug. 1754; m. Sarah Skilton.

33. iv. RICHARD, b. 16 Oct. 1716.

34. v. STEPHEN, b. abt. 1718.

vi. LYDIA, d. 19 June 1762; m. at Waterbury, Conn., 4 Apr. 1745, LIEUT. WILLIAM[4] HICKOX, b. at Waterbury 14 Jan. 1725/6, s. of Capt. Samuel[3] (*William*[2], *Samuel*[1]) and Mary (Hopkins). Children: 1. *William*, b. 14 Jan. 1746. 2. *Consider*, b. 21 June 1748. 3. *Abigail*, b. 28 July 1751; m. 22 Jan. 1772, Thomas Welton. 4. *Lydia*, b. 29 July 1757. 5. *Rebecca*, b. 14 Oct. 1759.

vii. GIDEON, d. at Farmington 20 Oct. 1736.

13. JONATHAN[3] SEYMOUR (*Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Farmington, Conn., baptized at Farmington 17 Apr. 1687, died before 5 Oct. 1725, when administration was granted on his estate. He married, 23 Dec. 1714, EUNICE[3] HOLLISTER, born at Wethersfield, Conn., about 1696,

daughter of Capt. Stephen[2] (*John*[1]) and Abigail (Treat) and sister of Abigail, wife of his brother Ebenezer Seymour (12). Eunice (Hollister) Seymour married secondly, 13 Jan. 1726, William Chittester or Chidister of Wallingford, Conn.

Administration on the estate of Jonathan Seymour was granted 5 Oct. 1725 to his widow, Eunice Seymour, and to Mr. Ebenezer Gilbert, and said Eunice was appointed guardian of the children, viz., "Eliakim, 4 months old, Eunice 10 years, Martha, 5 years [*sic*] Jerusha, 5 [*sic*], and Lois, 1 year and 7 months."* Soon after the second marriage of Eunice, widow of Ebenezer Seymour, his brother and sisters petitioned the Court that some other persons be appointed guardians to the children, because the said Eunice "is now married to one Wm. Chitester, a poor shiftless man, and the children are in a suffering condition, not likely to be provided for."* Robert Booth of Farmington was therefore appointed guardian of Eunice, Jerusha, and Lois, and George Hubbard of Middletown, Conn., who had married their aunt, Mercy Seymour (5, iii), was appointed guardian of Martha and Eliakim, children of the deceased.

Children:

i. EUNICE[4], b. 1 Jan. 1715/16; d. at Suffield, Conn., 13 Nov. 1813; m. at Hartford, Conn., 19 July 1737, JOSEPH[4] KING, b. at Suffield 13 Aug. 1709, d. there 4 June 1772, s. of James[3] (*James*[2], *William*[1]) and Elizabeth (Huxley) and brother of the Ebenezer King who m. Abigail[4] Seymour (12, i). Children, b. at Suffield: 1. *Dr. Alexander*, b. 26 Oct. 1737; m. 31 Jan. 1765, Experience Hitchcock; five children. 2. *Jonathan*. b. 28 Feb. 1742; m. 22 Sept. 1762, Bethiah Austin; four children. 3. *Gideon*, b. 4 Mar. 1747; m. (1) 31 Aug. 1767, Mary Kendall; m. (2) 31 Dec. 1791, Ruth Graham; five children by first wife, two children by second wife. 4. *Eunice*, b. 20 Apr. 1750; m. 30 May 1771, Ebenezer Burbank; eight children.

ii. JERUSHA, b. 23 Aug. 1717; d. at Farmington 10 Feb. 1741/2; m. at Farmington, 19 Nov. 1739, JAMES[4] NEWELL, b. at Farmington 2 Mar. 1717, d. 24 Mar. 1750, s. of Simon[3] (*Thomas*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Mehitabel (Bird). He m. (2) 23 Nov. 1742, Dinah Cole. Children: 1. *James*, b. 16 Jan. 1739/40. 2. *Jerusha*, b. 4 Feb. 1741/2.

iii. MARTHA, b. abt. 1720; d. 6 Feb. 1812; m. at Farmington, 22 Dec. 1742, CAPT. SOLOMON COWLES, b. 2 Sept. 1719, d. 6 May 1793. The will of Solomon Cowles of Farmington, dated 8 Mar. 1792 and proved 6 Sept. 1793, names wife Martha and sons Isaac, Solomon, Jr., and Zenas. Children: 1. *Martha*, b. 29 Dec. 1751;

* Manwaring's Digest of the Early Connecticut Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 570.

d. 16 Feb. 1757. 2. *Isaac*, b. abt. 1753; d. 20 Aug. 1755, in his 3d year. 3. *Isaac*, b. 29 July 1756; m. in 1781, Lucina Hooker. 4. *Solomon*, bapt. 26 Feb. 1758; m. (1) in 1779, Polly Gleason; m. (2) 13 Dec. 1803, Mary Cowles. 5. *Zenas*, b. 16 Feb. 1762; m. 20 Apr. 1785, Mary Lewis.

iv. Lois, b. abt. Mar. 1724; d. at Suffield, Conn., 14 Nov. 1772; m., probably at Suffield, 15 Aug. 1745, Thomas[3] Huxley, b. at Suffield 12 Sept. 1720, d. there 29 June 1767, s. of Jared[2] (*Thomas*[1]) and Mary (Norton). They resided at Suffield. Children: 1. *Lois*, b. 28 Dec. 1746; m. 29 May 1764, Eli Warner; six children. 2. *Zilpha*, b. 24 May 1752; m. Cotton Mather. 3. *Moses*, b. 22 Dec. 1755; d. unm., being killed in battle, 14 July 1775. 4. *Sarah*, b. 27 Oct. 1757. 5. *Margery*, b. 8 Sept. 1761; m. 6 Nov. 1783, Luther Trumbull; nine children. 6. *Thomas*, b. 17 Aug. 1764. 7. *Terzy*, b. 17 Aug. 1766; d. in 1776.

35. v. Eliakim, b. abt. May or June 1725.

14. Matthew[4] Seymour (*Matthew*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Ridgefield, Conn., born at Norwalk, Conn., about 1690 and baptized in the church at Fairfield, Conn., 7 Oct. 1694, died at Ridgefield 30 Apr. 1768, in his 77th year. He married at Ridgefield, 14 June 1722, Hannah Smith, baptized at Milford, Conn., 24 Oct. 1703, living in 1766, when her husband made his will, daughter of Thomas[3] (*John*[2], *John*[1]) and Hannah (Camp).

Matthew Seymour was a resident of Ridgefield as early as 1716, according to a deed in which his father, Matthew of Norwalk, who was one of the proprietors of Ridgefield, gave to the son all right to all his lands in Ridgefield. In his will, dated 26 June 1766 and proved 7 June 1768, Matthew Seymour names wife Hannah, daughter Hannah Keeler, and sons Matthew and Thomas Seymour. To his wife Hannah he bequeaths the "use and Improvement of my Negro Girl named Ellin* During the Natural Life of my s[d] Wife," after which said negro girl is given to the testator's daughter, Hannah Keeler. To his son Matthew, "on account of his Birth Right," he gives five acres of meadow land which he hath in part cleared.

Children, born at Ridgefield:

36. i. Matthew[5], b. 7 Apr. 1723.

37. ii. Thomas, b. abt. 1728.

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* The births of the children of "Tamar ye Servant woman of Matt[w] Seymer" are recorded in the Ridgefield town records. Their names were Pegg, Elizabeth, Dover, Betty, Allen (probably the Ellin named above), Naomi, Abigail, and twins who died unnamed.

iii. HANNAH, b. 15 Nov. 1737; d. at Ridgefield 24 Oct. 1806; m. at Ridgefield, 15 Jan. 1764, JEREMIAH[4] KEELER, b. at Ridgefield 14 Apr. 1733, d. there 17 Apr. 1780, s. of Timothy[3] (*Samuel*[2], *Ralph*[1]) and Abigail (Osborne). Children: 1. *Hannah*, b. 6 July 1765; d. 30 July 1765. 2. *Jeremiah*, b. 6 Dec. 1766; m. 20 Mar. 1792, Sarah St. John. 3. *Hannah*, b. 14 July 1770. 4. *Thaddeus*, b. 28 June 1778; m. Esther St. John, sister of the wife of his brother Jeremiah.

15. SAMUEL[4] SEYMOUR (*Matthew*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), of New Canaan Parish, Norwalk, Conn., born at Norwalk and baptized in the church at Fairfield, Conn., 17 Nov. 1694, died about 1754. He married MARY LYON, daughter of Andrew and Mary of Norwalk.

Samuel Seymour settled in New Canaan Parish, Norwalk, and resided there until his death. In his will, dated 22 Nov. 1753 and proved 5 Feb. 1754, he describes himself as "being something Advanced in Age," and bequeaths his property to wife Mary, son Samuel, sons Andrew and Thaddeus (both under age), two daughters, Mary, wife of James Talmadge, and Anne, wife of Peter Husted, and grandson Seymour Fitch. He appoints his wife Mary, his brother Thomas Seymour, and his nephew Ebenezer Seymour, son of his brother Thomas, as executors.

Children (order unknown):

i. A DAUGHTER,[5] who probably m. LYNDALL FITCH, who d. at New Canaan 24 Mar. 1773, aged 56 years. Child: 1. *Seymour*, bapt. at New Canaan 27 June 1742; d. there 24 Apr. 1799; m. (1) 7 Apr. 1763, Elizabeth Hoyt; m. (2) Sarah ———, who d. in 1783; m. (3) 17 July 1783, Patty St. John.

ii. MARY, m. at Norwalk, 31 Dec. 1741, JAMES[5] TALMADGE, b. at Stamford, Conn., 10 Sept. 1721, d. at New Canaan 8 Dec. 1797, s. of Thomas[4] (*Enos*[3], *Robert*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Susanna (Weed). In his will, dated 24 Aug. 1787 and proved 7 Feb. 1798, he names wife Mary, sons James (deceased), Seymour, and Jonathan, and daughters Jane, wife of John White of St. John, N. B., and Hannah, wife of Isaac Weed of Greenwich [Conn.]. Children, bapt. at New Canaan: 1. *Hannah*, bapt. 2 Jan. 1743; d. young. 2. *Jane*, bapt. 29 Dec. 1745; m. 5 Feb. 1767, John White. 3. *Sarah*, bapt. 15 Oct. 1749. 4. *James*, bapt. 28 June 1752. 5. *Seymour*, bapt. 15 June 1755; m. 7 Apr. 1774, Sarah Hoyt. 6. *Jonathan*, bapt. 12 Nov. 1758; m. 13 Mar. 1783, Hannah Weed. 7. *Hannah*, bapt. 30 Aug. 1761; m. Isaac Weed.

iii. ANNE, b. abt. 1729; d. at New Canaan 10 Sept. 1784, aged 55; m. there, 23 Oct. 1746, PETER HUSTED, who d. at New Canaan in

Sept. 1783. Children, bapt. at New Canaan: 1. *Jonathan*, bapt. 31 May 1747. 2. *Samuel*, bapt. 15 July 1750. 3. *Hannah*, bapt. 22 Oct. 1752. 4. *Andrew*, bapt. 1 June 1755. 5. *Thaddeus*, bapt. 26 Mar. 1758; d. young. 6. *Thaddeus*, bapt. 26 July 1759, "being sick." 7. *Nathan*, bapt. 11 Apr. 1762. 8. *Betsey*, bapt. 23 Apr. 1769.

38. iv. SAMUEL, b. abt. 1731.
v. MATTHEW, bapt. 8 July 1733; not named in his father's will.
39. vi. ANDREW, b. in May 1734.
40. vii. THADDEUS, b. 25 Aug. 1737.

16. CAPT. THOMAS[4] SEYMOUR (*Matthew*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), of New Canaan Parish, Norwalk, Conn., born at Norwalk about 1702, died at New Canaan 11 Apr. 1796, aged 94 years. He married first, before 18 Aug. 1727, ELIZABETH[3] BETTS, born at Norwalk 23 Oct. 1699, died before 1748, daughter of Thomas[2] (*Thomas*[1]) and Sarah (Marvin); secondly, before 10 Apr. 1748, ELIZABETH ———, who died at New Canaan 23 Aug. 1794, aged 70. Elizabeth, second wife of Thomas Seymour, was received into the church at New Canaan 10 Apr. 1748.*

Thomas Seymour settled in New Canaan Parish, Norwalk, where he and his first wife, Elizabeth, were among the original members of the church at its gathering, 20 June 1733. He was chosen ensign of the military company at New Canaan 24 Oct. 1737 and lieutenant 18 Apr. 1742, and was captain of this company in 1747. In Dec. 1764 he conveyed lands by deed of gift to his sons Matthew and Ebenezer as their portions of his estate; and during his lifetime he disposed of other lands among his remaining sons.

Children by first wife:

41. i. MATTHEW[5].
42. ii. EBENEZER, b. 16 May 1729.
43. iii. THOMAS, bapt. 29 Aug. 1736.

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* A Capt. Thomas Seymour married (license dated 11 May 1737), Ariaantje Elsworth, baptized 19 July 1718, living 1745, daughter of Theophilus and Sarah (Verduyn), by whom he had two children baptized at the Dutch Church, New York: Sarah, 12 Oct. 1740, and Martha, 9 Feb. 1743. The gap in the children of Capt. Thomas of New Canaan might suggest that these records pertained to him, were it not that the military appointments show that the New Canaan man was residing there in 1737 and 1742. Capt. Thomas of New York was a mariner, from Long Island, commander of a brigantine, and possibly was son of Capt. William and Rachel, and brother of Martha who m. by 1728 Gabriel Sherwood.

Children by second wife, baptized in New Canaan Parish:

44. iv. EZRA, bapt. 19 June 1748.
v. BETTY, bapt. 4 Aug. 1751; d. 13 May 1795; m. 21 May 1772, MOSES[5] COMSTOCK, b. at Norwalk in 1749, d. at New Canaan in 1824, s. of Moses[4] (*Moses*[3], *Christopher*[2], *William*[1]) and Elizabeth (St. John). Children: 1. *Betty*, b. 27 June 1775. 2. *Hannah*, b. 13 July 1777; m. in Dec. 1797, Col. Ezra Benedict. 3. *Polly*, b. 5 Feb. 1779. 4. *Sally*, b. 22 July 1781; d. 2 Feb. 1797. 5. *Elizabeth*, b. 16 Oct. 1783. 6. *Andrew*, b. 19 Apr. 1786; m. abt. 1815, Rhoda Kellogg. 7. *Seymour*, b. 26 June 1790. 8. *Moses*, b. 29 Jan. 1793.
vi. ELIZABETH, bapt. 25 May 1755; probably the Elizabeth Seymour who m. at New Canaan, 15 June 1790, MATTHEW FITCH.
45. vii. NATHANIEL, bapt. 10 Apr. 1757.
viii. ABIGAIL, bapt. 25 Jan. 1762(?); m. 24 Jan. 1782, THADDEUS HUSTED, probably her first cousin once removed, bapt. at New Canaan 26 July 1759, s. of Peter and Anne (Seymour) (15, iii). Children: 1. *Polly*, b. 15 Jan. 1783. 2. *Thomas Seymore*, b. 6 Mar. 1784; d. 28 Sept. 1785. 3. *Nancy*, b. 12 Jan. 1786. 4. *Thomas Seymore*, b. 6 Feb. 1788. 5. *Thaddeus*, b. 29 Jan. 1790. 6. *Samuel*, b. 26 Apr. 1792. 7. *Morris*, b. 13 Feb. 1795; d. 30 Mar. 1796. 8. *Morris*, b. 2 June 1797.
46. ix. HEZEKIAH, bapt. 22 Jan. 1764.

17. JEHIEL[4] SEYMOUR (*Matthew*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Norwalk, Conn., and Huntington, Long Island, N. Y., born at Norwalk, died at Huntington before 11 Dec. 1753, when administration on his estate was granted. He married first, MARY JARVIS, born in 1704, daughter of William and Esther; and secondly, at Huntington, 11 Aug. 1751, RACHEL WRIGHT, baptized as an adult at Huntington 13 Apr. 1752.

Jehiel Seymour removed early in the year 1739 from Norwalk to Huntington, where he continued to reside until his death. He was buried in the Episcopal cemetery at Huntington, where in 1909 a little footstone inscribed "M[r] Jehiel Seaymore" was found leaning against a tree. No settlement of his estate has been found.

Children by first wife:

47. i. STEPHEN[5], b. 22 June 1737.
ii. MATTHEW, b. 2 Feb. 1738/9.
iii. ESTHER, b. 29 Oct. 1741.
iv. MARY, b. 16 Oct. 1743. Possibly she is the one who m. (1), as his second wife, DANIEL[5] BENEDICT, b. at Norwalk 8 Mar. 1729/30, d. at New Canaan, Conn., 21 Aug. 1776, s. of Samuel[4] (*Thomas*[3],

Thomas[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Jemima (Canfield); m. (2) ——— Close; and d. at South Salem, N. Y., 24 Oct. 1837, aged 95. (*Cf.* Benedict Genealogy.)

48. v. Daniel, b. 19 Feb. 1745/6.
vi. Katherine, b. 12 Aug. 1748.

Child by second wife:

49. vii. Thomas, bapt. 13 Apr. 1752.

18. Daniel[4] Seymour (*Matthew*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Norwalk, Conn., born at Norwalk, died about 1759. He married Ann[4] Betts, born at Norwalk 29 Mar. 1729, living a widow in 1789, daughter of Matthew[3] (*Thomas*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Abigail.

Daniel Seymour was the only son of his father who remained at Norwalk. He succeeded to his father's homestead, and was a comparatively young man when he died. His widow, Ann, was appointed 2 Oct. 1759 guardian of his children, Nanny, Daniel, Katy, and Hannah Seymour, minors, and the division of his estate was made 3 Mar. 1761 between the widow, the son, the eldest daughter Nanny, the second daughter Hannah, and the third daughter "Catey."

Children:

i. Nancy[5] (or Anna), m. at Norwalk, 10 Sept. 1769, John St. John; b. at Norwalk 2 Jan. 1747/8, s. of Nehemiah[5] (*Daniel*[4], *Ebenezer*[3], *Matthias*[2], *Matthias*[1]) and Lois (Cornell or Cornwall). Children, b. at Norwalk: 1. *Daniel Seymore*, b. 15 Apr. 1770; d. 8 Jan. 1771. 2. *Hannah*, b. 11 Nov. 1771. 3. *Daniel Seymore*, b. 16 Sept. 1773; m. 26 Dec. 1795, Betsey (or Rachel) Jones. 4. *John H.*, b. 21 Mar. 1776; m. 21 Sept. 1830, Mary Moody. 5. *Elenor*, b. 11 Nov. 1778. 6. *Eliphalet*, b. 4 Feb. 1781. 7. *Nancy*, b. 13 Sept. 1784. 8. *Elslyda*, b. 1 July 1788. 9. *Julia*, b. 6 Oct. 1792.

50. ii. Daniel, b. 26 Apr. 1754.
iii. Hannah, d. prior to 21 Mar. 1783, when the other children appear in deeds relating to their father's estate.
iv. Catherine, b. 10 Aug. 1759; d. 10 June 1827; m. at Norwalk, 25 Jan. 1776, Hezekiah[5] Lockwood, b. at Norwalk 15 Nov. 1755, d. in July 1816, s. of Isaac[4] (*Joseph*[3], *Ephraim*[2], *Robert*[1]) and Ruth (Whitney). Children: 1. *Hannah*, b. 15 Jan. 1777; m. William Haynes Fitch. 2. *Lewis*, b. 25 Feb. 1780; m. (1) 29 Nov. 1798, Esther Whitney; m. (2) in 1839, ———. 3. *Betsey*, b. 15 Feb. 1782; m. Robert Cameron. 4. *Sally*, b. 27 July 1784; m. (1) 18 Dec. 1800, David Lockwood, Jr.; m. (2) Phineas Hill; m. (3) Thomas Stocker.

19. JOHN[4] SEYMOUR (*John*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Norwalk, Conn., born at Norwalk about 1710, died there 8 Sept. 1796, aged 85 (gravestone record). He married first RUTH[5] BELDEN, born at Norwalk 18 Jan. 1712/13, died there 29 May 1782, in her 70th year (gravestone record), daughter of William[4] (*Daniel*[3], *William*[2], *Richard*[1]) and Margaret (Arms); and secondly, at New Canaan, Conn., 4 Feb. 1784, ELIZABETH WOOD of Huntington, Long Island, N. Y.

John Seymour lived and died in his native town. In his will, dated 28 Dec. 1791 and proved 12 Sept. 1796, he names his wife Elizabeth, to whom he gives "all those articles contained in two written agreements between us," bequeaths to his grandchildren, heirs of his son John deceased, viz., Jonathan, Samuel, and John Seymour, Ruth Sammons, and Rebecca, Sarah, Betsey, and Martha Seymour, certain pieces of land, the boys to have twice as much as the girls, gives to his son William, besides other property, the use of nine acres of land, which is later to go to his grandsons, William, Josiah, Belden, and Benjamin Seymour, sons of his said son William, and gives to his grandchildren, heirs of his son Seth deceased, viz., Seth, John, Nathaniel, Levi, Anne, and Almy Seymour, pieces of land as also to his sons David, Ira, and James Seymour, and his daughters Sarah and Martha.

Children by first wife:

51. i. JOHN[5], b. in 1734.
52. ii. WILLIAM, b. 10 Oct. 1735.
53. iii. SETH.
— iv. SARAH, b. abt. 1739; d. 17 Apr. 1826, ae. 86; m. EZRA[6] HOYT, b. at New Canaan 14 Mar. 1734/5, d. at New Haven, Vt., 11 June 1801, s. of Ezra[5] (*Daniel*[4], *Zerubbabel*[3], *Walter*[2], *Simon*[1]) and Phebe (Benedict). They lived at Norwalk, Conn., Lanesborough, Mass., and New Haven, Vt. Children: 1. *Seth*, m. Catharine Ruble. 2. *Uriah*, b. in 1765; m. (1) Pamela Ruble; m. (2) Betsey Pettibone. 3. *Thaddeus*, m. Sally Allen. 4. *Hon. Ezra*, b. 16 Oct. 1770; m. (1) Sarah Smith; m. (2) Jerusha Phelps. 5. *Seymour*, b. 20 Dec. 1774; m. Anna Pettebone. 6. *Hannah*, m. 19 Sept. 1793, Ralph Parker. 7. *Polly*, m. Timothy Squairs. 8. *Phebe*, m. Maj. Matthew Phelps.
v. MARTHA, m. at Norwalk, 12 Feb. 1761, LEVI TAYLOR, b. at Norwalk 17 Dec. 1733, s. of Josiah and Thankful (French). Children, b. at Norwalk: 1. *Ruth*, b. 1 June 1763. 2. *Levi*, b. 15 Dec. 1764; m. Esther Belden. 3. *John*, b. 26 Oct. 1766. 4. *Seymour*, b. 5 Dec. 1768. 5. *Esther*, b. 22 Oct. 1770. 6. *Betty*, b. 15 Nov.

1772; m. Christopher Hamlin Starr. 7. *Uriah*, b. 29 Apr. 1777. 8. *Asa*, b. 13 Apr. 1779. 9. *Daniel*, b. 17 July 1781. 10. *Almira*, b. 21 Jan. 1784.

54. vi. DAVID, b. 24 Dec. 1744.
55. vii. IRA, b. 31 Aug. 1748.
56. viii. JAMES, b. 26 May 1752.

20. JOHN[4] SEYMOUR (*John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Hartford, West Hartford, and New Hartford, Conn., born at Hartford 25 Dec. 1694, died at New Hartford 25 July 1758. He married first, at Hartford, 25 June 1718, LYDIA MASON, baptized at Hartford 2 Aug. 1696, daughter of John and Hannah (Hawes); and secondly, at West Hartford, 7 May 1733, HANNAH[4] ENSIGN, born at Hartford 19 Jan. 1711/12, died at New Hartford before 3 Jan. 1778, when her children sold property that formerly belonged to her, daughter of David[3] (*David*[2], *James*[1]) and Hannah (Smith).

John Seymour settled first at Hartford, where eight of his children were baptized at the Second Church. Shortly after 1730 he removed to the West Parish of Hartford, now West Hartford. There he lived on the corner where the middle road to West Hartford intersects "Quaker Lane." To this road he seems to have given his name, since it was long known as "the John Seymour road."

He was elected in 1731 an inspector of staddle wood, and again in 1732, 1733 and 1737; leather-sealer, 1739 and 1742; inspector of wood, 1739, 1740, 1743 and 1744; hayward, 1740; and Constable, 1741.

Staddle-wood (an Americanism) was a term applied to standing trees between four and eighteen inches in diameter. The annual election by that small community of an inspector of wood shows the force of the English traditions by which they were controlled. The Hartford of that time was of course surrounded by forests, but this did not prevent its citizens from adopting regulations for the conservation of the timber resources of the colony, and these regulations had their origin in England, where the scarcity of timber had been felt long before the settlement of New England and where stringent regulations for its preservation were already in force.

On Dec. 17, 1741, it was voted that John Seymour Junr., "have liberty to take, upon Lease, a piece of Land upon the Town Comons, for the purpose of sinking Tanfatts therein."

About 1750 (he was then fifty-six years of age), or it may have been earlier, he removed to New Hartford, then a frontier settlement, where his father, who was at this time alive, owned a large tract of land, the greater portion of which he gave or bequeathed to him. Here he lived in that part of the town known as West Hill, and here "Mr. John Seymour departed this Life July 25, 1758" (New Hartford Town Records).

His grandson, William Seymour, of Fredonia, New York, who as a small boy saw him, remembered that he had "a cancer in his jaws and face."

In his will, made 11 July 1758, shortly before his death, and proved 19 Sept. 1758, he describes himself as being sick and weak, and mentions his sons Elisha and John Seymour, both of Hartford, his wife Hannah, his two grandchildren, Isaac and Lydia Seymour, children of his son Isaac, late of Hartford, deceased, his sons William and Uriah of New Hartford, "my younger sons," Elias, Hezekiah, Nathaniel, Elijah, and David, and his daughters Lydia Steele, Abigail Flowers, Lucretia Ensign, Lucina Marsh, Elizabeth Smith, and Hannah, Zerviah, and Sarah Seymour. On 5 Dec. 1758 Hezekiah Seymour, aged 18, Nathaniel, aged 16, Elijah, aged 14 last August, and Zerviah, aged 12 last October, chose their mother, Hannah Seymour, as their guardian, and she was also appointed guardian of her other children under age, viz., David, aged 10, and Sarah, aged 8. The record of this family of twenty children, eighteen of whom survived childhood, is probably unsurpassed elsewhere in the annals of the family.

The author, a descendant of John[4], writes:

"A little cleared space in the virgin forest undoubtedly received the remains of this patriarch, though there is no record of his burial. As a boy I remember hearing my father say that years before he had searched in vain in the Town Hill Burying Ground for some memorial to this ancestor, and I once searched with him for a headstone, if one there was. Miss Talcott told me half a century ago and more that she had sought in vain for some memorial to this first New Hartford Seymour in the old Town Hill Burying Ground and concluded that he never had any memorial stone, which, back in 1758, would probably have had to be procured from Hartford. I knew it would please the shade of my father to have his son George Dudley supply this deficiency, so last year I erected a headstone (see illus-

tration) to his memory in the Town Hill Yard, with the following inscription, which embraces several generations of Seymours."

In Memory of John Seymour III
Born at Hartford 1694—Died here 1758
Settled here about 1750 on land owned
by his Father John Seymour II 1666-1748
who was a grandson of Richard Seymour
1604-1655 the Colonist—His son
William Seymour born at West Hartford 1728
died here 1782—His son Noah Seymour
born here 1759 died at Sodus Wayne County
New York 1832 A Soldier of the War of the
American Revolution A staunch Federalist—
His son Lot Norton Seymour born here 1788
died here 1844 buried at Nepaug A Farmer
and Millwright he committed "Paradise Lost"
to Memory A Jeffersonian Democrat—
His son Henry Albert Seymour born here
1818 died in Bristol 1897 the ideal Citizen—
His son George Dudley Seymour moved
by filial piety erected this stone A.D. 1935
Deut. XXXII. 7; Job. VIII. 8.
Many of those of the Seymour blood
buried in this yard were descended from
Uriah, son of John Seymour III and
brother of William

Children by first wife (births recorded at Hartford):

i. LYDIA[5], b. 11 May 1719; d. in 1801; m. WILLIAM[5] STEELE, b. at Hartford 10 Dec. 1713, d. in 1777, s. of Thomas[4] (*Samuel*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Susanna (Webster).* They lived at New Hartford. Children: 1. *William*, b. 27 May 1742; m. 31 Jan. 1770, Hannah Webster. 2. *Timothy*, b. 3 Nov. 1745; m. 28 Dec. 1772, Abigail Church. 3. *Lydia*, b. 26 Mar. 1747/8. 4. *Isaac*, b. 14 Oct. 1752; m. (1) 10 Sept. 1777, Dorothy Pitkin; m. (2) 28 Oct. 1792, Lavinia Goodwin. 5. *Roderick*, b. 4 Aug. 1755. 6. *Seth*, b. 12 Apr. 1757; m. 20 Nov. 1777, Hannah ———. 7. *Huldah*, b. 12 Aug. 1759.

ii. ABIGAIL, b. at Hartford 7 Aug. 1720; d. at New Hartford 14 May 1797, ae. 77; m. at New Hartford, 13 May 1742, ELIJAH[3] FLOWER, b. at Hartford 15 Apr. 1717, d. before 6 June 1767, s. of Lamrock[2] (*Lamrock*[1]) and Anna (Watson). He was appointed Ensign of the New Hartford Train Band, May 1762. Children: 1. *Elijah*, b. and d. 22 June 1743. 2. *Abigail*, b. 4 July 1745; m. Samuel Douglas. 3. *Lydia*, b. 25 Apr. 1748; m. 29 May 1768, Joseph

* William Steele was a descendant of Gov. William Bradford of Plymouth.

Merrill. 4. *Elijah*, b. 19 June 1750; m. 1 Oct. 1772, Chloe Marsh. 5. *Nancy*, b. 17 Jan. 1753; d. 3 July 1757. 6. *Isaac*, b. 16 Aug. 1755. 7. *Nancy*, b. 18 Dec. 1757; m. 1780, Ebenezer Newell. 8. *George*, b. 26 Apr. 1760; m. 5 Feb. 1782, Roxeline Crowe; grandfather of Hon. Roswell P. Flower (1835-1899), banker and politician, Congressman, 1881, 1888, 1890, and Governor of New York, 1892-95.
9. *Theron*, bapt. 7 Sept. 1766.

57. iii. ELISHA, b. 25 Mar. 1722.
58. iv. ISAAC, b. 10 Oct. 1723.
v. LUCRETIA, b. 19 Feb. 1725; d. 13 May 1728.
59. vi. JOHN, b. 24 Nov. 1726.
60. vii. WILLIAM, b. 18 Aug. 1728.
viii. LUCRETIA, b. at Hartford 1 Aug. 1730; d. at Westfield, Mass., 22 Apr. 1814, ae. 83; m. 1 Aug. 1750, DATIS[4] ENSIGN, b. at Hartford 22 Sept. 1729, d. 11 Nov. 1787, s. of David[3] (*David*[2], *James*[1]) and Sarah (Moody). They resided at West Hartford, Conn., and Westfield, Mass. Children: 1. *Datis*, bapt. 21 May 1752; m. 9 Feb. 1780, Abigail Woolworth. 2. *Lucinda*, b. 7 May 1754; d. 25 Aug. 1756. 3. *Isaac*, b. 24 Feb. 1756; m. (1) 4 May 1780, Sarah Pitts; m. (2) 17 Jan. 1791, Lydia Noble. 4. *Lucretia*, b. 1 Jan. 1759. 5. *Sarah*, b. 22 Aug. 1760; m. 16 Jan. 1783, Thomas Ashley.
ix. LUCINA, bapt. at West Hartford 19 Feb. 1732; d. at New Hartford 14 May 1762; m. at New Hartford, 2 Feb. 1758, JOHN[4] MARSH, b. at Hartford 30 June 1727, d. at Paris, N. Y., 10 Nov. 1805, s. of Jonathan[3] (*John*[2], *John*[1]) and Elizabeth (Loomis). He m. (2) 17 June 1763, Sarah Nash and m. (3) 27 Nov. 1777, Miriam (Webster) (Hopkins) Sedgwick. Children: 1. *John*, b. 25 Nov. 1758; m. 18 Aug. 1791, Anna (Gaylord) Cole. 2. *Nathaniel*, b. 12 July 1761; d. 31 Jan. 1791; m. ———.

Children by second wife:*

61. x. URIAH, b. 1 Sept. 1733.
xi. HANNAH, b. 3 Aug. 1735; d. 21 Sept. 1737.
xii. ELIZABETH, b. 14 Nov. 1736; m. MARTIN SMITH, JR., b. 15 Mar. 1728. In 1774, according to deeds, they were living at New Hartford, and in 1778 at Stillwater, N. Y. He was appointed Lieut. of the north company in New Hartford, Oct. 1767. Children, bapt. at New Hartford: 1. *Elizabeth*, bapt. 19 May 1754. 2. *Lucy*, bapt. 4 Jan. 1756. 3. *Margaret*, bapt. 6 Nov. 1757. 4. *Eliezer*, bapt. 21 Oct. 1759. 5. *Martin*, bapt. 30 Jan. 1762; m. 4 July 1781, Sarah Kellogg. 6. *Erastus*, bapt. 12 May 1765. 7. *Havilah* (son), bapt. 17 May 1767. 8. *Silvia*, bapt. 30 July 1769.

* The births of all the children of the second wife are recorded at New Hartford, but their baptisms are found in the West Hartford church records. It is evident, therefore, that West Hartford was the place of their birth, and that the family record was entered in the New Hartford town records after the removal of the family to that place about 1750.

62. xiii. ELIAS, b. 23 Aug. 1738.
63. xiv. HEZEKIAH (twin), b. 1 July 1740.
xv. HANNAH (twin), b. 1 July 1740; m. at New Hartford, 30 Dec. 1759, ASHBEL ANDRUS, probably s. of John. In 1768 they were living at New Hartford, and in 1774 and 1778 they are called of Stillwater, N. Y. Children, bapt. at New Hartford: 1. *Ashbel*, bapt. 8 Jan. 1761. 2. *Nathaniel Seymour*, bapt. 5 Sept. 1762. Perhaps others.
xvi. NATHANIEL, b. 11 Oct. 1742; "Supossed he Died at Crown point october y^e^: 20^th^: 1760."* On 21 Mar. 1774, his brothers and sisters, with their husbands, quitclaimed to Hezekiah Seymour land in New Hartford "that was Some years past Distributed to Nath^ll^ Seymour of s^d^ New Hartford who was then Supposed to be Dead but not Certainly Known."
64. xvii. ELIJAH, b. 6 Aug. 1744.
xviii. ZERVIAH, b. 18 Oct. 1746; m. at New Hartford, 17 Nov. 1768, EBENEZER MOODY, b. 9 Jan. 1743/4 (birth recorded at New Hartford), s. of Adonijah and Sarah (Smith). Children, born at New Hartford: 1. *Adonijah*, b. 16 May 1771. 2. *Lucina* (twin), b. 28 Feb. 1773. 3. *Lucy* (twin), b. 28 Feb. 1773. 4. *Ebenezer* (twin), b. 11 Nov. 1775. 5. *Epaphras* (twin), b. 11 Nov. 1775. 6. *Anson*, b. 13 Feb. 1778. 7. *Roxalina*, b. 9 Feb. 1780. *Zerviah*, b. 12 Feb. 1782. 9. *Anna*, b. 21 Dec. 1783.
65. xix. DAVID, b. 7 Aug. 1748.
xx. SARAH, b. 12 July 1750; d. 4 Mar. 1802; m. at New Hartford, 6 Feb. 1772, ABRAHAM[5] KELLOGG, b. at New Hartford 27 Jan. 1749/50, d. 29 Apr. 1812, s. of Abraham[4] (*Isaac*[3], *Samuel*[2], *Joseph*[1]) and Sarah (Marsh). He m. (2) 6 Jan. 1803, Mrs. Sarah (Cowles) Merrill, widow of Dr. Eldad. Children: 1. *Hannah*, b. 29 Oct. 1772; d. 3 May 1774. 2. *Abram*, b. 28 Sept. 1774; m. Jerusha Goodwin. 3. *Hannah*, b. 18 Mar. 1776; m. Jared Andrus. 4. *Warren*, b. 5 Jan. 1779; m. (1) 2 Oct. 1804, Rhoda Webster; m. (2) 11 Apr. 1813, Rhoda Case. 5. *Horace*, b. 1 Oct. 1780; m. (1) Oct. 1807, Orpah Pratt; m. (2) 3 Dec. 1811, Anna Steele. 6. *Sarah*, b. 4 July 1783; m. Norman Pringle. 7. *Virgil*, b. 29 June 1785; d. 5 May 1788. 8. *John*, bapt. 29 Sept. 1787; d. young.

21. ENSIGN TIMOTHY[4] SEYMOUR (*John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Hartford and West Hartford, Conn., born at Hartford 17 June 1696, died at West Hartford 8 Sept. 1749, in his 54th year (gravestone record). He married at Hartford, 27 Apr. 1727, RACHEL ALLYN, born at Hartford 20 Aug. 1694, died prior to 12 Jan. 1756, daughter of Edward and Rachel (Steele).

* New Hartford town records.

Timothy Seymour lived in the West Parish of Hartford, now West Hartford, where he became a member of the church in 1730 and where his children were baptized. The house that he built was standing in West Hartford as late as 1882 and was in the possession of his descendants until 1870. His "mantion house" was located on the top of the hill in Elmwood, at the corner where the road to Newington intersects the New Britain road.

He held the following town offices: Surveyor of Highways on the west side, 1729; on the Committee of Inspectors concerning Staddle wood, 1731; Surveyor of Highways, 1734; Selectman, 1739; Fence-viewer, 1741, 1743-1748; Inspector of wood, 1747-1749; was a member of the committee to supervise the erection of the second church building in West Hartford, 1741-2; and was chosen Ensign of the Fourth Company of Militia 13 Oct. 1743. Administration on his estate was granted 3 Oct. 1749 to his widow Rachel and his son Timothy, and on 23 Apr. 1751 distribution of the estate was ordered between the widow, Rachel, the eldest son, Timothy Seymour, and the other children, Allyn and Charles Seymour and Rachel Easton. The inventory amounted to £18,684. 4s. 9d., and included estate at Canaan, Salisbury, and Bethlehem, Conn.

Children:

66. i. TIMOTHY[5], b. 1 Feb. 1728.
67. ii. ALLYN, b. 30 Apr. 1729.
iii. CHARLES, bapt. 14 Feb. 1731; d. young.
iv. RACHEL, bapt. 23 Sept. 1733; d. at West Hartford 2 Oct. 1751, ae. 18; m. COL. JAMES[5] EASTON, bapt. at East Hartford, Conn., 9 June 1728, d. at Pittsfield, Mass., in May or June 1796, s. of Joseph[4] (*Joseph*[3]. *Joseph*[2], *Joseph*[1]) and Susanna (Burnham). He m. (2) 26 Apr. 1753, Eunice Pomeroy and m. (3) Mary ———. Child: 1. *Rachel*, bapt. 15 Sept. 1751; d. in infancy.
68. v. CHARLES, bapt. 29 Jan. 1738.

22. DANIEL[4] SEYMOUR (*John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Hartford, Conn., born at Hartford 20 Oct. 1698, died there, being buried 21 Sept. 1769. He married at West Hartford, Conn., 10 May 1727, MABEL[4] BIGELOW, born at Hartford, 6 Nov. 1703, died there 10 Nov. 1757, daughter of Jonathan[3] (*Jonathan*[2], *John*[1]) and Mabel (Edwards).*

* Rev. Timothy Edwards, brother of Mabel (Edwards) Bigelow, was father of the renowned Rev. Jonathan Edwards.

Daniel Seymour lived at Hartford, where he was a selectman in 1749, and held other town offices. In his will, dated 14 June 1768 and proved 18 Oct. 1769, he names his two sons, Daniel and Charles, and two daughters, Anna, wife of Joel Cornish, and Susanna, wife of Aaron Moses.

Children:

69. i. DANIEL[5], b. 19 July 1730.

ii. ANNE, bapt. 23 Jan. 1731/2; d. at Simsbury, Conn., in Sept. 1808; m. at Hartford, 23 Apr. 1752, JOEL[4] CORNISH, b. at Simsbury 18 July 1731, d. there 21 May 1808, s. of Capt. James[3] (*James*[2], *James*[1]) and Amy (Butler). Children: 1. *Anne*, b. 19 Mar. 1753; d. 7 Nov. 1753. 2. *Anne*, b. 20 Jan. 1755; d. 25 Dec. 1842. 3. *George*, b. 17 Mar. 1756; d. 10 Nov. 1759. 4. *Rhoda*, b. 4 Jan. 1758; d. 25 Sept. 1759. 5. *George*, b. 10 Aug. 1760; m. (1) Anne Gillett; m. (2) Susanna Mitchelson. 6. *Joel*, b. 22 Mar. 1763; m. in 1785, Susannah Lorinda Pettibone. 7. *Rhoda*, b. 23 Aug. 1765; m. Dr. Peter J. Smith. 8. *A son*, b. and d. 2 Oct. 1768.

iii. SUSANNA, b. in 1738; d. in 1783; m. AARON[6] MOSES, b. at Simsbury, Conn., 6 Oct. 1733, d. there in 1809, s. of Timothy[5] (*John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Sarah (Phelps). He m. (2) Rachel Gilbert. Children: 1. *Darius*, b. 11 Nov. 1758; m. Sarah Adams. 2. *Asenath*, b. 2 Nov. 1760; m. ——— Adams. 3. *Aaron Seymour*, b. 29 July 1762; d. 12 Mar. 1772. 4. *Susanna*, b. 13 Sept. 1764; m. Joseph Buttolph. 5. *Martin Levi*, b. 20 Dec. 1766; drowned in 1784. 6. *Aaron Seymour*, b. 25 Oct. 1772; m. Rhoda Humphrey.

70. iv. CHARLES, b. 9 June 1742.

23. CAPT. JONATHAN[4] SEYMOUR (*John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Hartford, Conn., born at Hartford 16 Mar. 1702/3, died there 30 Sept. 1776. He married at Hartford, 27 May 1725, MARY[4] BULL, who was born at Hartford 10 Nov. 1707, and died there, being buried 3 Feb. 1786, daughter of Daniel[3] (*Joseph*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Mary (Mygatt) and sister of Keziah Bull who married Zebulon Seymour (25), a brother of Jonathan.

Jonathan Seymour was one of the prominent men of Hartford, holding many town offices and serving on numerous committees. He was Tythingman of the South Society, 1728 and 1730, and Grandjuryman, 1731. He was chosen Ensign of the Second Military Company 7 May 1744, Lieutenant of the same company 4 May 1752, and Captain 6 May 1754. He was appointed Captain of the 9th Co. in the regiment of Militia raised for the French War in 1756, and in Oct. 1756 was appointed Captain of a company raised in Hartford County to join the 1st Regt. then in camp near Crown Point.

In his will, dated 30 Mar. 1772, he names his wife Mary, his only son Israel, his daughters Millescent Wadsworth, Mary, wife of Seth Austin of Suffield [Conn.], Magdalen, wife of Barnabas Hinsdale of Hartford, and Delight, wife of Roswell Wattles of Suffield, and also two grandsons, Horace and Ardon Seymour, the only children of his son Jonathan, late deceased.

Children (order of birth uncertain):

i. MARY[5], b. 23 May 1726; d. 26 Feb. 1731, aged abt. 5.

ii. MILICENT, b. 23 Aug. 1728; m. HEZEKIAH[4] WADSWORTH, bapt. at Hartford 11 Apr. 1725, d. at Hartford 28 Apr. 1766, s. of Ichabod[3] (*Joseph*[2], *William*[1]) and Sarah (Smith). Children: 1. *Hezekiah*, bapt. 7 Jan. 1753; d. 18 Feb. 1756. 2. *Milicent*, bapt. 19 May 1754. 3. *Ruth*, bapt. 2 Nov. 1755. 4. *Hezekiah*, b. 13 Dec. 1758. 5. *Israel*, bapt. 4 May 1760. 6. *Daniel*, bapt. 4 Apr. 1762. 7. *Ezekiel*, bapt. 13 Nov. 1763; d. 23 Dec. 1765. 8. *Jonathan*, bapt. 6 Oct. 1765.

iii. MAGDALEN, bapt. 8 Nov. 1730; d. young.

71. iv. JONATHAN, b. [say 1732].

72. v. ISRAEL, b. in 1735.

vi. MARY, living at Suffield, Conn., in 1806; m. 29 Aug. 1754, SETH[4] AUSTIN, b. at Suffield 14 Dec. 1731, d. there 14 Apr. 1806, s. of Richard[3] (*Richard*[2], *Anthony*[1]) and Elizabeth (Jesse). In his will, dated 3 Apr. 1806, Seth Austin of Suffield names his wife Mary, his sons Seth, James, and Thaddeus R. Austin, the sons of his son Jonathan S. Austin, viz., Horace and John S. Austin, his daughter Mehitabel Austin, his daughter Susanna Austin, his son Roderick, his daughter Delight Fairman, his daughter Mary Ewing, and his son Calvin. His daughters Mary Ewing, Mehitabel Austin, and Susanna Austin are called "unmarried." Division of the estate was made 24 May 1809 to Mrs. Hetty G. Fairman, Mrs. Susan Lewis, and others as above. Children: 1. *Delight*, b. 8 Dec. 1755; d. 21 Sept. 1758. 2. *Horace*, b. 14 Aug. 1757; d. 8 June 1798. 3. *Roderick*, b. 27 Dec. 1759. 4. *Calvin*, b. 27 Jan. 1762; m. Rebecca Hunt. 5. *Mary*, b. 1 June 1764; m. ——— Ewing. 6. *Delight*, b. 6 Feb. 1767; m. ——— Fairman. 7. *Seth*, b. 22 June 1769. 8. *Jonathan Seymour*, b. 28 July 1771; d. 18 July 1802. 9. *Clarissa*, b. 9 May 1773; d. 17 July 1775. 10. *Hester*, b. 9 May 1773; d. 17 July 1775. 11. *James*, b. 6 Feb. 1776. 12. *Thaddeus Richard*, b. 25 Sept. 1778; d. unm. 13. *Hester Geldall*, b. 26 Nov. 1780; m. ——— Fairman. 14. *Susan*, b. 25 Apr. 1784; m. ——— Lewis.

vii. MAGDALEN, b. abt. 1740; d. at Hartford 17 Oct. 1782, aged 42; m. abt. 1761, CAPT. BARNABAS[5] HINSDALE, b. at Hartford 23 Feb. 1737/8, d. there 29 Apr. 1790, s. of Dea. Daniel[4] (*Barnabas*[3], *Barnabas*[2], *Robert*[1]) and Catherine (Curtis). He served in the Revolution as Ensign in a company of volunteers raised in Hartford in 1777. Children: 1. *A son*, d. 25 Aug. 1776, ae. 14. 2.

Chloe, b. in 1768; m. Henry Butler. 3. *Epaphras*, b. in 1769; m. (1) Elizabeth Bowen; m. (2) Elizabeth Camp. 4. *A daughter*, m. ——— Manley of Sheldon, Vt. 5. *Martha*, b. in 1773; d. unm. at Oyster Bay, N. Y., in 1857. 6. *Catherine*, b. in Dec. 1775; m. in 1799 Ichabod Plumb of Cheshire, Conn. 7. *William*, d. of yellow fever in New York in 1798. 8. *Horace Seymour*, b. 7 Oct. 1782; m. (1) 30 Apr. 1806, Sarah Ogden; m. (2) 19 Apr. 1827, Lucina Campbell Graham.

viii. DELIGHT, b. abt. 1749; d. at Hartford 20 Jan. 1808, ae. 58; m. 16 July 1769, ROSWELL WATTLES, of Suffield, Conn., who d. at Hartford 10 Apr. 1810, ae. 66. Children: 1. *Harry*, b. 31 May 1770. 2. *Delight S.*, d. 21 Apr. 1780, in her 9th year. 3. *Jonathan Seymour*, d. 13 Sept. 1779, aged 10 months. Perhaps others.

ix. A CHILD, bur. 4 Sept. 1753.

24. ENSIGN NATHANIEL[4] SEYMOUR (*John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Hartford, Conn., born at Hartford 17 Nov. 1704, was buried 14 Feb. 1761. He married at Hartford, 23 Dec. 1725, his first cousin, MARY[4] SEYMOUR (9, i), born at Hartford 3 Nov. 1703, died there 27 Feb. 1758, in her 54th year (gravestone record), daughter of Capt. Thomas[3] and Ruth (Norton).

He served in various town offices at Hartford, and was elected an Ensign of the Second Company of that place 6 May 1754. Administration on his estate was granted 23 June 1764 to Ruth Benton of Hartford, who gave bond with Ebenezer Benton of Hartford.

Child:

i. RUTH[5], bapt. at Hartford 17 July 1726; d. there 24 May 1811, aged 86; m. EBENEZER[5] BENTON, JR., bapt. at Hartford 30 Apr. 1721, bur. there 10 Feb. 1764, s. of Ebenezer[4] (*Andrew*[3], *Andrew*[2], *Andrew*[1]) and Elizabeth (White.) Child: 1. *Nathaniel S.*, bur. 29 Dec. 1795, ae. 37. Probably others.

25. ZEBULON[4] SEYMOUR (*John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Hartford, Conn., joiner, born at Hartford 14 May 1709, died there 3 Feb. 1765, in his 65th year.* He married at Hartford, 7 June 1733, KEZIAH[4] BULL, who died at New Hartford, Conn., where her daughter Keziah was then living, 4 Jan. 1800, aged 87, daughter of Daniel[3] (*Joseph*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Mary (Mygatt) and sister of Mary Bull who married Capt. Jonathan Seymour (23), a brother of Zebulon.

Zebulon Seymour was a selectman of Hartford, 1750-1, and held

* *Sic.* Gravestone in Centre Burying Ground, Hartford.

other offices in the town government. He was employed in 1761 to build the meeting-house in Windsor, Conn.

In his will, dated 27 Dec. 1764 and proved 5 Mar. 1765, he calls himself "weak in body," and names wife Keziah, sons Zebulon and Aaron, and daughters Keziah, Margaret, Abigail, wife of Joseph Humphrey, Esther, Christian, Anne, Prudence, and Lucy. Distribution of the estate was made 18 Mar. 1772 between the widow, Keziah, the eldest son, Zebulon, the youngest son, Aaron, the eldest daughter, Keziah Seymour, daughters Margaret, wife of Barzillai Hudson, Esther, wife of John Brace, Abigail, wife of Joseph Humphrey, Christian Seymour, Anne Seymour, Prudence Seymour, and the youngest daughter, Lucy Seymour.

Children (order of births uncertain):

i. KEZIAH[5], b. 5 Mar. 1733/4; d. 1 Feb. 1800; m. at New Hartford, 11 Feb. 1778, JOSEPH MERRILL, 2D, of New Hartford, bapt. at West Hartford, 30 Jan. 1732, d. 20 Mar. 1817. No children.

73. ii. ZEBULON, b. 12 Sept. 1736.

iii. MARGARET, b. 23 Apr. 1738; d. at Middletown, Conn., 9 Apr. 1778; m. July 1766, BARZILLAI[5] HUDSON, publisher and bookseller, b. at Bridgewater, Mass., 25 Dec. 1741, d. at Hartford 1 Aug. 1823, aged 82, s. of William[4] (*Daniel*[3], *Daniel*[2], *Daniel*[1]) and Sarah (Fobes). He was a Sergeant in the South Company of the town of Hartford, Col. Newberry's Regt., serving in the Continental Army near New York in 1776, and while there was summoned home to his wife's sick-bed. He m. (2) 11 Feb. 1779, Hannah (Bunce) Watson,* b. at Lebanon, Conn., 28 Dec. 1749, d. at Hartford 27 Sept. 1807. Children: 1. *Sarah*, b. 22 Jan. 1767. 2. *William*, b. 5 Oct. 1768; m. 9 Dec. 1790, Mary Skinner. 3. *Henry*, b. 30 June 1770; d. 26 Aug. 1770. 4. *Child*, b. abt. 1774; d. Sept. 1776, ae. 2. 5. *Margaret*, b. 6 Sept. 1776; d. 6 Sept. 1776.

iv. ABIGAIL, b. 25 Jan. 1742; bur. at Hartford 13 Sept. 1788; m. CAPT. JOSEPH[5] HUMPHREY, bapt. at Hartford 16 Jan. 1739/40, d. there 18 Aug. 1821, aged 81, s. of Dositheus[4] (*Nathaniel*[3], *John*[2], *Michael*[1]) and Anne (Griswold). Children: 1. *A son*, bur. 8 July 1785, ae. 17. 2. *A child*, bur. 24 Oct. 1784, ae. 9 months. Perhaps others.

74. v. AARON, b. 11 Mar. 1744.

vi. ESTHER, b. 11 Apr. 1746; m. JOHN BRACE.

vii. CHRISTIAN, b. 24 May 1749; d. Mar. 1825; m. JOHN NEVINS, b. 30 Aug. 1749, d. 11 Oct. 1824, s. of Robert and Mary (Smith) Nevins. Children: 1. *Samuel*, b. in 1773; m. Elizabeth Seymour.

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* Her first husband, Ebenezer Watson, married (1) Margaret Seymour's first cousin. Elizabeth[5] Seymour (27, i), daughter of Richard[4] and Elizabeth (Wadsworth).

2. *Jennett*, b. 20 Aug. 1777; m. in 1797 Lemuel Caswell. 3. *Marion*, d. unm.

viii. ANNA, b. 19 Sept. 1752; d. at Hartford 8 May 1790; m. 23 Jan. 1777, JONATHAN[6] STEELE, b. 16 Feb. 1751, d. 13 Nov. 1844, s. of James[5] (*Jonathan*[4], *James*[3], *James*[2], *George*[1]). He m. (2) 9 Feb. 1792, Esther Fox, b. 12 Dec. 1751, d. 5 June 1838. Children: 1. *Jonathan*, b. 23 Oct. 1777; d. in Chicago, Ill., 11 June 1852. 2. *Polly*, b. 15 Aug. 1778; m. Thomas Hale. 3. *Julia*, b. 11 Nov. 1781; m. in 1818 Thomas Miller. 4. *Anna*, b. 28 Jan. 1784; m. Nathan Pratt. 5. *Salla*, b. 15 Apr. 1790; m. James Carlton.

ix. PRUDENCE, b. 3 Apr. 1755; d. at Hartford 1 Sept. 1831; m. at Hartford, 22 Nov. 1772, SAMUEL BENTON, a Revolutionary soldier, bapt. at Hartford 18 June 1749, d. there 23 Apr. 1803, s. of Moses and Miriam. Children: 1. *Ursula*, b. 24 Aug. 1773; d. 13 Nov. 1773. 2. *Samuel*, b. 20 Aug. 1774; d. 7 Oct. 1776. 3. *Eunice*, b. 19 July 1776; m. 18 Dec. 1794, Amos Thompson. 4. *Prudence*, b. 4 Aug. 1778; d. unm. 20 Feb. 1816. 5. *Samuel*, b. 30 Aug. 1780; d. 8 Sept. 1780. 6. *James*, b. 1 Oct. 1781; m. 12 Nov. 1803, Eunice Stanley. 7. *Samuel*, b. 3 Mar. 1784; m. Huldah Barnes. 8. *Martha*, b. 21 May 1786; m. 8 May 1808, Dr. Frederick Lathrop. 9. *Betsey*, b. 6 Sept. 1788; d. unm. 24 June 1847. 10. *George*, b. 23 Apr. 1791; m. in 1812, Almena Rugg. 11. *Sally*, b. 18 Feb. 1794; m. 6 Apr. 1814, David North. 12. *Moses*, b. 2 Mar. 1797; d. 10 Mar. 1797. 13. *Andrew*, b. 9 Feb. 1800; m. (1) Henrietta Hotchkiss; m. (2) 23 Oct. 1826, Aurelia Wells; m. (3) Dolly Stowe; m. (4) Melissa (————) Judd.*

x. LUCY, b. 1 June 1759; bapt. 3 May [*sic*] 1759;† d. at Winfield, N. Y., 19 Sept. 1839; m. abt. 1784, MARTIN[5] KELLOGG, b. at New Hartford 16 July 1758, d. at Winfield 14 Apr. 1840, s. of Abraham[4] (*Isaac*[3], *Samuel*[2], *Joseph*[1]) and Sarah (Marsh). Children: 1. *Laura*, b. 11 Dec. 1786; m. 20 Mar. 1808, Amos Reynolds. 2. *Ralph*, b. 2 July 1789; d. 8 Jan. 1792. 3. *George Washington*, b. 17 Apr. 1791; m. Maria Sessions. 4. *Lucy*, b. 26 Aug. 1792; m. 6 Sept. 1813, Capt. Alvah Barber. 5. *Merron*, b. 24 Mar. 1795; m. 2 Mar. 1814, Daniel Leonard. 6. *Ralph Phineas*, b. 12 July 1796; m. Clarissa L. Gridley. 7. *Olive*, b. 5 Apr. 1798; d. aged 6 weeks. 8. *Horace Dryden*, b. 21 Aug. 1799; m. (1) Mary Ann (Netterville) Stewart; m. (2) Mary B. Stone. 9. *Chauncey Seymour*, b. 16 July 1801; m. Rebecca ———.

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* Widow Melissa Cook, according to the Talcott MSS. Probably one was her maiden the other her married, name.

† This child was baptized in the South Church, Hartford, by the minister of the West Hartford (Conn.) church, who recorded the baptism in his own church records. The church records of the South or Second Church of Hartford between 1730 and 1791 are missing. They must have contained the baptisms of many Seymour children during that period.

26. Moses[4] Seymour (*John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), of West Hartford, Conn., born at Hartford, Conn., 17 Feb. 1710/11, died at West Hartford 24* Sept. 1795, in his 85th year. He married at Hartford, 14 Mar. 1737/8, Rachel[4] Goodwin, baptized at Hartford 22 Jan. 1715/16, died at West Hartford 23† July 1763, in her 47th year, daughter of Nathaniel[3] (*Nathaniel*[2], *Ozias*[1]) and Sarah (Easton).

Moses Seymour settled in the West Parish of Hartford, now West Hartford, where he and his wife and some of their children are buried. He lived east of his brother Timothy, at the foot of the hill, where Romanta Seymour's house afterwards stood. He was admitted to the church in 1746, his wife before 1757. In his will, dated 25 June 1791 and proved 11 Dec. 1795, he names sons Moses, Aaron, and Samuel, and daughters Sarah, Rachel, Dorothy, Katy, and Eunice, of whom the last was unmarried in Dec. 1795.

Children:

i. Sarah[5], b. 16 Feb. 1740; d. at West Hartford 23 June 1798; m. at West Hartford, 13 May 1764, Thomas[4] Goodman, bapt. at West Hartford 1 Apr. 1739, d. there 17 Sept. 1809, aged 70, s. of Timothy[3] (*Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]) and Johanna (Wadsworth).‡ He m. (2) Ruth (Skinner) Gay, who d. 21 Sept. 1820, aged 81. Children, bapt. at West Hartford: 1. *Sarah*, bapt. 31 Mar. 1765; m. 1 Nov. 1789, Elijah Gridley of Farmington, Conn. 2. *Timothy*, bapt. 10 Aug. 1766; d. 23 Jan. 1770. 3. *Timothy*, bapt. 9 Sept. 1770; d. at Demerara,§ South America, 7 Dec. 1788, aged 18 (gravestone record). 4. *Thomas*, bapt. 2 Aug. 1772; d. 10 Aug. 1800, aged 28; m. 24 Dec. 1795, Abigail[7] Seymour, dau. of Timothy[6] and Abigail (Skinner). 5. *A child*, stillborn 2 May 1775.

75. ii. Moses, b. 23 July 1742.

iii. Rachel, b. 17 Dec. 1744; d. at Windsor, Conn., 14 July 1794; m. (1) at West Hartford, 14 Nov. 1776, Capt. Elijah Tryon,‖ who was lost at sea 27 Sept. 1785, s. of John; m. (2) at West Hartford, 3 Feb. 1791, as his second wife, Capt. Solomon[5] Allyn of Windsor, b. 8 Oct. 1732, d. 16 Nov. 1810, s. of Pelatiah[4] (*Matthew*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Matthew*[1]) and Mary (Stoughton). Child by first husband: 1. *A child*, stillborn in Sept. 1782.

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* Gravestone record. The church records of West Hartford give the date as 28 Sept., which may have been the date of burial.

† Gravestone record. The church records of West Hartford give the date as 24 July.

‡ Thomas Goodman had brothers, Richard and Moses, who also married Seymours.

§ Now in British Guiana.

‖ In his will, dated 30 Apr. 1782, Elijah Tryon of Hartford names his wife, his aged father John Tryon, and his sister Molly. These last two are to have the use of part of the house during his lifetime and her single life.

iv. DOROTHY, b. 13 Oct. 1746; d. at Lebanon, N. Y., 5 June 1819; m. at West Hartford, 17 Feb. 1778, as his second wife, ABRAHAM[6] WEBSTER, b. at West Hartford 17 Sept. 1751, d. at Sullivan, N. Y., 4 Aug. 1831, s. of Noah[5] (*Daniel*[4], *John*[3], *Robert*[2], *John*[1]) and Mercy (Steele) and brother of Noah Webster, the famous lexicographer. Through his mother, Mercy Steele, he was a descendant of Gov. William Bradford of the Plymouth Colony. He m. (1) 11 Jan. 1775, Rachel Merrill of New Hartford, Conn., who d. 18 Jan. 1776, in her 24th year, and m. (3) 19 Feb. 1822, Eunice Childs of Deerfield, Mass. Children: 1. *Rachel*, b. 25 Jan. 1779; m. 25 Mar. 1799, Amos Blair. 2. *Sophia*, b. 6 Sept. 1781; m. 10 Sept. 1806, William Bradley. 3. *Dolly*, b. 17 Feb. 1784; m. 22 Feb. 1807, Mars Blair. 4. *Eunice*, b. 12 Dec. 1786; m. 9 Feb. 1806, Isaac Ward Adams. 5. *Abraham Seymour*, b. 19 Nov. 1789; d. at Adams, N. Y., while serving in the Army, 21 Nov. 1814.

76. v. AARON, b. 4 Mar. 1749.

vi. EUNICE, b. 7 Aug. 1751; d. *s.p.* at Litchfield, Conn., 4 Mar. 1832, aged 81; m. at Litchfield, 23 Nov. 1801, as his second wife, SETH LANDON, b. 18 Dec. 1749, d. at Litchfield 4 Feb. 1832, s. of Daniel and Martha (Youngs).

77. vii. SAMUEL, b. 21 Jan. 1754.

viii. CATHERINE, b. 29 Aug. 1756; d. at Chester, Conn., 19 Mar. 1814; m. (1) at West Hartford, 15 June 1779, as his second wife, her first cousin once removed, NORMAN[6] SEYMOUR (*q.v.*), bapt. at West Hartford 10 Dec. 1752, d. 28 June 1796, s. of Timothy[5] and Lydia (Kellogg); m. (2) at Newington Parish, Wethersfield, Conn., 1 June 1802, as his third wife, REV. SAMUEL[4] MILLS of Saybrook, Conn., b. at Simsbury, Conn., 22 June 1752, d. at Chester 17 Feb. 1814, s. of Rev. Gideon[3] (*Peter*[2], *Peter*[1]) and Elizabeth (Higley). He m. (1) 28 May 1778, Sarah Gilpin of Philadelphia, Pa., who d. 19 Oct. 1796, aged 38, and m. (2) in Feb. 1798, Rebecca Belden, who d. 19 Aug. 1801, aged 36, dau. of John and Rebecca (Reynolds) of Wethersfield.

27. CORNET RICHARD[4] SEYMOUR (*John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Hartford, Conn., baptized at Hartford, 22 Mar. 1712/13, died there, aged 71, and was buried 2 Mar. 1784. He married first, at Hartford, 26 Feb. 1740/1, ELIZABETH WADSWORTH, who died at Hartford 12 Oct. 1759, in her 44th year, daughter of Joseph[3] (*Joseph*[2], *William*[1]) and Joanna (Hovey); and secondly, at Hartford, 18 Feb. 1761, MARY (BENTON) SKINNER, who died at Hartford 20 Nov. 1818, aged 93.

In 1753 Richard Seymour was chosen Quartermaster of a troop of Horse in the First Regiment in the Colony of Connecticut. He was one of the troop that marched to Fort Edward, after the alarm in Aug. 1757, and on 16 Apr. 1759 he was elected Cornet of the same troop. From this office he was discharged in 1773 at his own request, "on account of his advanced Age." He purchased land on the New Britain road, of Thomas Hosmer, in 1740 and 1743, but his homestead lot was on Main Street, adjoining the Mansion House and lot of the Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, and the property of the Wyllys family.

In his will, dated 27 July 1782 and proved 2 Apr. 1784, he names his wife, his eldest son Michael, his two sons Freeman and Richard Seymour, Jr., his daughter Rhoda Shepard, the children of his son James, his wife's daughter Elizabeth Warren, and his daughter Huldah Catling.

Children by first wife:

i. ELIZABETH[5], b. 18 Mar. 1743; d. at Hartford 11 Apr. 1770, aged 28; m. at Hartford, 1 Oct. 1767, EBENEZER[5] WATSON, b. at Bethlehem, Conn., abt. 1744, d. at Hartford 16 Sept. 1777, in his 34th year, s. of John[4] (*John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Bethiah (Tyler). He m. (2) 1 Aug. 1771, Hannah Bunce, b. at Lebanon, Conn., 28 Dec. 1749, d. at Hartford 27 Sept. 1807, dau. of Aaron. Ebenezer Watson was publisher of the *Connecticut Courant*.* Children: 1. *James*, b. 7 May 1768; d. 17 Nov. 1771. 2. *Elizabeth*, b. 19 Mar. 1770; d. at Harlem, N. Y., Aug. 1807; m. Daniel Cotton.

ii. HULDAH, b. 14 Jan. 1745; d. Jan. 1836; m. (1) at Hartford, 1 May 1763, THOMAS GROSS, b. abt. 1737, d. at Hartford 26 Aug. 1773, s. of Freeman and Susanna (Bunce); m. (2), as his second wife, her first cousin, ASHBEL CATLIN of Litchfield, Conn., and Shoreham, Vt., b. 10 Sept. 1745, s. of John and Margaret (Seymour) (8, viii). Children by first husband: 1. *Freeman*. 2. *Eliza*, m. Harry Shepard. Children by second husband: 3. *Sally*, m. Seth Landon. 4. *Ashbel*, m. Sylvia Leonard. 5. *Margaret*. 6. *Dotha*. 7. *Arianda*, m. Moses Barrett.

iii. RICHARD, b. 9 Jan. 1747; perhaps the son bur. 8 Oct. 1759.

78. iv. MICHAEL, b. 28 Apr. 1749.

79. v. JAMES, b. 3 Oct. 1751.

vi. RHODA, b. 28 Dec. 1753; d. at Hartford 14 Nov. 1817, aged 64; m. ELISHA SHEPARD, b. 27 Feb. 1751, d. 21 Aug. 1835, s. of Timothy and Lydia (Phelps). Children: 1. *James*, b. 19 Apr. 1774; d.

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* Hannah (Bunce) Watson married (2) 11 Feb. 1779, as his second wife, Barzillai Hudson, whose first wife was Margaret Seymour (25, iii), first cousin of Elizabeth.

6 June 1838, ae. 64, unm. 2. *Freeman*, b. 18 May 1776; m. Elizabeth Warren. 3. *Elizabeth*, b. 16 Oct. 1778. 4. *Asa*, b. 31[?] Sept. 1781; d. 7 Jan. 1837, ae. 55, unm. 5. *Israel*, b. 1 July 1784; d. 4 Sept. 1856, ae. 72, unm. 6. *Harry*, b. 29 Jan. 1787; m. (1) Eliza Gross, dau. of Thomas and Huldah (Seymour); m. (2) 10 Feb. 1833, Eliza (Sloan) Kilbourn. 7. *Elisha*, b. 2 Dec. 1789; m. May 1824, Amelia Elmore. 8. *Eliza*, b. 21 Jan. 1792; unm.

80. vii. FREEMAN, b. 17 Jan. 1756.
viii. A CHILD, bur. 10 Aug. 1759.

Child by second wife:

81. ix. RICHARD, b. abt. 1762-3.

28. THOMAS[4] SEYMOUR, ESQ. (*Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 29 July 1705, died there 18 Mar. 1767. He married at Hartford, 5 Mar. 1730, HEPHZIBAH[4] MERRILL, born at Hartford 14 Apr. 1712, died there 28 Sept. 1788, daughter of Dea. Daniel[3] (*John*[2], *Nathaniel*[1]) and Susanna (Pratt).

Thomas Seymour was graduated at Yale College in 1724, and became an eminent lawyer and a leading man in his native town. He held many positions of trust, and represented Hartford as deputy to the Connecticut General Assembly in 1746, 1747, 1749, 1750, and 1751. He was elected Lieutenant of the Second Company or Trainband of Hartford 7 May 1744, and Captain of the same 4 May 1752, holding the latter office for several years.

In Oct. 1756 the Assembly appointed him "Agent and Attorney" to prosecute actions against paymasters in the expedition against Crown Point who had not fulfilled their obligations under bond. In March 1764, "This Assembly do appoint Mr. Thomas Seymour of Hartford to be Agent and Attorney for the Governor and Company of this Colony, to appear before any court or courts in judicature, committees or other boards of audience, and there on behalf of the said Governor and Company to defend in all actions that are or may be commenced against the said Governor and Company." In brief, he was appointed King's Attorney, a position which since the War of the Revolution has been called State's Attorney. An account of Captain Seymour, too brief to do justice to his career, appears in Dexter's "Yale Biographies," vol. 1, pp. 307-308.

His epitaph in the old Centre Burying Ground reads: "In his public duties he was upright and impartial. In private life he was respected and beloved." In his will, dated 27 Nov. 1765 and proved

26 Mar. 1767, he names his wife Hepsibah, his eldest son Jared, his two grandsons, sons of said Jared, viz., George and Frederick, his two other sons, David and Thomas, his son-in-law John Potwin and daughter Eunice his wife, his daughters, Hepsibah Ledyard and Ruth Stanley, his three youngest daughters, viz., Hannah, Carolina, and Jane, and his grandsons John, George, and David Potwin. The estate was valued at £2599. 13s. 6d.

About 1750 he built a substantial house which he occupied, and which was occupied after his death by his son, the First Mayor; by the First Mayor's son, Capt. Thomas Y.; and by Thomas Y.'s brother Major Henry. Indeed, this house seems to have been the family home. It is still standing, but, unfortunately, has been so altered in its exterior aspect that it does not seem worth while to illustrate it. Dr. Love, who was much interested in the subject of old houses, says of it:

"In 1748 Thomas Seymour, Esq., bought from Samuel Howard two tracts of land here. He erected a barn in 1749 and made an elaborate estimate of the expense of a new house, 'in order,' he wrote in his Memorandum Book, 'to first Count y^e^ Cost,' according to the Scripture warning. His estimate was £2946., upon which he afterwards commented thus: 'N. B. I did not Count half the Cost.' His house was of the best materials and superior workmanship, as the inspection of it proves, for it is still standing [1914] at the west end of Linden Place. After his death in 1767, it was the home of his widow Hepzibah (Merrill) Seymour and her children. Her rights in the cellar buttery where the 'Arch' is and in the 'Space way,' near the 'fore Door,' whence the stairs ascend, as well as the deeds, easily identify the house. It passed in 1793, by deed of gift from her son, Mayor Thomas Seymour, to his son, Major Thomas Y. Seymour, who was living there in 1801, when the land for Linden Place was conveyed to the City of Hartford, the north and south lines running from the east corners of this house. It was later the homestead of Sylvester Wells, and from the estate of Ralph Wells passed, in 1839, to Hon. Gideon Welles. Here President Lincoln's Secretary of the Navy lived before his residence in Washington. As the town gave Thomas Seymour, Esq., liberty in 1749 to move the school-house not more than twenty rods from the river, and a driveway to his house was early constructed, the school-house doubtless stood opposite the entrance to Linden Place, and was removed to suit Squire Seymour's convenience."

(Excerpt from "The Colonial History of Hartford," by Rev. William DeLoss Love, Ph.D., pub. Hartford, 1914, pp. 267-68.)

In Jared Sparks's Life of John Ledyard the Traveller, he states that on Ledyard's return from his voyage with Captain Cook, he wrote the Journal of that voyage at Hartford, at which time he was a guest of Mayor Thomas Seymour. Hence, this notable work was written in the house above described.

Hartford, March 23, 1767

Last Wednesday, to the universal Surprise and Grief of the Town, after a short Illness departed this Life, THOMAS SEYMOUR, ESQ. He was for many Years, one of the most eminent Practitioners in Law, in this Government. His Conduct was a Proof, that Integrity may be maintained in any Station, however exposed to Temptation. His public Character was unblemished; and in Private Life he was most amiable. The inconsolable Grief of his bereaved Widow and Children proclaim him a most affectionate Husband and the tenderest of Fathers. And the universal Gloom which overspreads the Countenances of his Acquaintance, evidence him One of the most obliging and faithful Friends. He was indeed a rich Blessing, in every Part of Social Life.—But what diffused the greatest Glory round his Character, was his sincere and unaffected Piety; in Consequence of which, he was, while he lived, a Father to the Poor; a sincere Friend to every true Christian; and highly honored the zealous Promoters of the Redeemer's Cause; a constant Attendant on divine Worship, both in Public and Private; and walked in all the Commandments and Ordinances of the LORD Blameless. And when he came to take his Leave of Time, did it with Composure and Chearfully submitted to the Will of Heaven.

Sic nobis contingat vivere sic que mori. His Remains were honorably interred Yesterday, attended by a vast Concourse of People.

"Pensive, o'ercome the Muse hung down her head,
And heard the fatal News, the Friend is dead!
He's dead—O vast, unutterable woe!
Gone, gone forever, from these Seats below:
Ah! fainting, pale, ebbs out his quiv'ring breath,
Seymour the Great and Good descends to Death.
But in gay Bowers, that crown th' Eternal Hills,
His spotless Soul in deathless Pleasure dwells.
He visits now no more this dull Abode,
But talks with Angels and beholds his God.
Now cease the flowing Tears, the fun'ral Strains,
Let joyful Sounds revive the vocal Plains,
What tho' the Body in the Tomb be laid,
Ghostly and Breathless in the awful Shade?
Mean Time the heav'nly Muse embalms his Name,
And gives him up, consign'd to endless Fame;
The faithful Lines, his Absence still bemoan,
And this Inscription grace his mould'ring Stone.
Beneath this Stone, confin'd reduc'd to Dust,
Lies what was once religious, wise and just,
Steady and warm in Liberty's Defence,
True to his Country, loyal to his Prince;
In Friendship faithful, gen'rous to desert,
A head enlighten'd and a glowing Heart."

Parker's "History of the Second Church," which he served as a Deacon, says of him: "He was great-grandson of Richard, who was among the early settlers of Hartford; grandson of John, who died in 1712; and son of Capt. Thomas, who died in 1740, 'a man much esteemed in public affairs.' He graduated at Yale in 1724, married Hepzibah, daughter of Dea. Daniel Merrils, in 1730, was King's attorney in Hartford County, and was one of the strong men of the colony. He died, March 18, 1767, and the Second Church lost not only a faithful Deacon, but a stout support. He had eleven children, among whom were Caroline and Hannah, whose names are inscribed in the earliest extant book of Society Records as the donors thereof, and Thomas, whose name continually appears on the Society Records of the ensuing years, who was also a Deacon of the Church, and who lived to a great age."

Children, born at Hartford:

82. i. JARED[5], b. 13 Jan. 1731.

ii. EUNICE, b. 6 May 1732; d. at Hartford 27 Feb. 1768; m. there, 18 Jan. 1751, JOHN[3] POTWINE of East Hartford, Conn., b. in Boston, Mass., 7 May 1728, d. 20 Aug. 1785, s. of John[2] (*Dr. John*[1]) and Mary (Jackson). After the death of his wife Eunice he removed to East Windsor, Conn., and m. (2) 18 Jan. 1770, Rachel Thompson of East Windsor, b. in 1731, d. 10 Aug. 1817. Children: 1. *Eunice*, b. 15 Oct. 1751; m. 24 Dec. 1772, Robert Watson. 2. *John*, b. 19 May 1755; d. at Roxbury, Mass., 22 Aug. 1775. 3. *Elizabeth*, b. 22 July 1756; d. 7 Sept. 1756. 4. *George*, b. 28 Dec. 1759; had long service in the Revolutionary War; m. 9 July 1783, Abigail Stoughton. 5. *David*, b. 21 Jan. 1764; d. 29 Sept. 1775.

iii. DAVID, b. 13 Oct. 1733; d. at Hartford 21 Dec. 1770; m. 20 Oct. 1757, MARY[5] HARRIS, bapt. at New London, Conn., 10 Sept. 1732, d. at Hartford of smallpox, 9 Nov. 1757, aged 25, dau. of Peter[4] (*Peter*[3], *Gabriel*[2], *Walter*[1]) and Mary (Truman) of New London. He was a noted sea captain, and was appointed Commissary of the 3d Regt., Mar. 1759. In his will, made on the day of his death and proved 17 Jan. 1771, he names his mother Hepsibah Seymour, widow of his "honored father" Thomas Seymour, Esq., deceased, his four sisters Hepsibah Ledyard, Ruth wife of William Stanley, Hannah wife of Elisha Painter, and Caroline Seymour, the three sons of his late sister Eunice Potwin, deceased, viz., John, George, and David Potwin, his three nephews, sons of Jared Seymour, viz. George, Frederick, and David, and his brother Jared Seymour. His will also reads: "I give unto my Naturel Daughter which I had by Lois Belding Widow to Joseph Belding late of Weathersfield Dec[d], and which I now Name by the name of

Molley Seymour, and that She may be hereafter So Called," £100, to be paid to her on the day of her marriage or at the age of twenty-one. He bequeathed his negro boy, "Plimouth," to his mother, Hepsibah Seymour, during her widowhood, then to his sister, Hepsibah Ledyard, during her life, and then he is to receive twenty acres of common land and be made free.

83. iv. THOMAS, b. 17 Mar. 1735.

v. GEORGE, b. 23 Sept. 1736; d. 12 Nov. 1738.

vi. HEPHZIBAH, b. 27 May 1738; d. at Hartford 4 Sept. 1791, aged 54; m. (1) DR. NATHANIEL LEDYARD, bapt. at Groton, Conn., 21 Dec. 1740. d. at Hartford 1 June 1766,* in his 26th year, s. of John and Deborah (Youngs) and brother of Mary Ledyard who m. Hepsibah's brother, Thomas Seymour; m. (2) after Dec. 1770, CAPT. JOHN SKINNER of Hartford, who d. in Mar. 1794, aged 68. By her first husband Hephzibah had one child, bur. at Hartford 22 Oct. 1766.

vii. RUTH, b. 7 Feb. 1740; d. at Hartford, being bur. 22 Jan. 1782, aged 42; m. WILLIAM[4] STANLEY, bapt. at Hartford 8 Sept. 1724, d. there 31 Dec. 1786, in his 63d year, s. of Nathaniel[3] (*Nathaniel*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Anna (Whiting). He left his large property to the South Church in Hartford, which, "as a Testimony of Gratitude," erected a table stone monument to his memory in the old Centre Burying Ground. Children: 1. *A child*, bur. 7 Nov. 1767. 2. *A child*, bur. 17 July 1778, aged 5 years.

viii. HANNAH, b. 25 Mar. 1742; d. *s.p.* at Hartford 9 May 1807, aged 65; m. at Hartford, 7 Mar. 1770, ELISHA[5] PAINTER of New Haven, Conn., b. there 29 July 1736, d. 1791, s. of Shubael[4] (*Thomas*[3], *Shubael*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Elizabeth (Dunbar).

ix. GEORGE, b. 9 Nov. 1743; not named in his father's will.

x. CAROLINE, b. 28 Aug. 1745; d. unm. at Windsor, Conn., 12 May 1827, aged 81. She was insane for many years.

xi. DAUGHTER, b. and d. 20 Sept. 1746.

xii. JANE, b. 20 June 1750; d. unm. at West Haven, Conn., 29 June 1770. Administration upon her estate was granted 25 Jan. 1771, to Elisha Painter of New Haven, Conn., who gave bonds with Jared Seymour of Hartford, William Stanley, Caroline Seymour, and Hepsibah Ledyard consenting. The inventory included a legacy of £150, given her by the will of her father, Thomas Seymour, Esq., deceased.

JOHN POTWINE, husband of Eunice Seymour (28, ii), daughter of Thomas Seymour, Esq., was son of John Potwine (1698-1792) of Boston, a notable silversmith of his day, who removed to Connecticut

* Dr. Ledyard's death was the result of injuries received 18 May 1766, during the celebration of the repeal of the Stamp Act, from an explosion of powder, which blew up the schoolhouse and buried a number of people in the ruins.

and was working in Hartford in 1737. The author considers it more than likely that he made the silver seal ring, illustrated in this volume, with which Thomas executed his will in 1765, and which his son the First Mayor also used in executing his will in 1807. See "Early Silver of Connecticut and Its Makers," by George Munson Curtis, 1913, pp. 49-50 and 108.—*G. D. S.*

29. LIEUT. BEVIL[4] SEYMOUR (*Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), baptized at Hartford, Conn., 11 Jan. 1712/13, died at Newington Parish, Wethersfield, Conn., 17 Nov. 1774, aged 61. He married first LYDIA DODD, baptized at Hartford, 19 Dec. 1708, died at Newington Parish 16 Jan. 1736, in her 28th year, daughter of Edward and Lydia (Flower); and secondly, at West Hartford, Conn., 23 Apr. 1740, THANKFUL[4] MERRILL, born at Hartford 25 Mar. 1712, died at Wethersfield 24 Sept. 1801, in her 90th year, daughter of Abel[3] (*John*[2], *Nathaniel*[1]) and Mabel (Easton) of Hartford.

Bevil Seymour settled in Newington Parish, Wethersfield, where his children were born and where he and most of his family are buried. He was elected Ensign of the Tenth Company, Sixth Regiment of Militia, at Wethersfield, 14 Nov. 1754, and Lieutenant of the same company in May 1757, holding the latter office until 1762, when he asked to be dismissed, "on Acc[t] of Indisposition of Body by reason of which he has for some time past been and yet remains unable to Serve therein." In his will, dated 23 Mar. 1770 and proved 21 Dec. 1774, he names his wife Thankful, his four sons, viz., Abel, George, Elias, and Ashbel, his two eldest daughters, viz., Lydia Webster and Mary, wife of Moses Hopkins, his daughter Mabel, wife of Charles Morgan, and his two youngest daughters, Thankful and Lois Seymour.

Children by first wife:

i. LYDIA[5], m. ZEPHANIAH[5] WEBSTER, bapt. at West Hartford 7 June 1724, d. there 7 Mar. 1761, aged 36 years, 9 months, s. of Daniel[4] (*John*[3], *Robert*[2], *John*[1]) and Miriam (Cooke) and uncle of Noah Webster. Children, bapt. at West Hartford: 1. *Bevil*, chose his mother for guardian, 8 Feb. 1773, and became a book-seller and printer in Hartford by 1778. 2. *Thankful*, bapt. 7 July 1754. 3. *Zephaniah*, bapt. 1 July 1756; d. young. 4. *Zephaniah*, bapt. 15 July 1759.

ii. THEODORE, b. abt. 1732-3; d. of smallpox 13 Dec. 1760, in his 27th year.

iii. MARY, b. 4 Dec. 1735; d. at Hartford in Nov. 1795, being bur. 6 Nov.; m. there 9 June 1768, as his second wife, MOSES HOPKINS of Hartford, s. of Thomas and Mary (Beckley). He m. (1) 7 Apr. 1763, Elizabeth Deming, who d. 7 July 1767.

Children by second wife:

iv. ABEL, b. 13 Feb. 1741; d. unm. abt. 1786. Distribution of the estate of Abel Seymour late of Wethersfield, deceased, was made 13 Sept. 1786, between his brothers and sisters, being the only legal heirs, viz., George, Elias, Ashbel, and Lois Seymour, all of Wethersfield, Charles Morgan and wife Mabel of Hartford, and Abijah Flagg and wife Thankful of Hartford.

v. GEORGE, b. 16 July 1742; d. unm. 3 Sept. 1835, aged 93. His gravestone says that he was "all his life Deaf & Dumb." In his will, dated 20 Feb. 1826 and proved 23 Sept. 1835, he bequeaths his estate to four of the children of his brother Elias Seymour, viz., Theodore, Jeremiah, Jerusha Seymour, and Nancy Wells.

vi. MABEL, b. 5 June 1744; m. at Newington Parish, Wethersfield, 18 Dec. 1766, CHARLES MORGAN of West Hartford. Children, bapt. at West Hartford: 1. *A child*, stillborn 19 July 1767. 2. *Charles*, bapt. 10 July 1768. 3. *Thoda* (son), bapt. 10 June 1770; probably the *Theodore* who m. 26 July 1791, Esther Stocking. 4. *William*, bapt. 15 Nov. 1772. 5. *Cate*, bapt. 6 Jan. 1776. 6. *Phalla* (daughter), bapt. 3 Nov. 1777. 7. *George*, bapt. 9 Feb. 1781. 8. *Lydia*, bapt. 9 Jan. 1785. One of their children was killed by a cart wheel 27 Apr. 1782. A "Mitty" Morgan m. at Hartford, 7 May 1820, Benjamin Sullivan.

84. vii. ELIAS, b. 28 Apr. 1746.

85. viii. ASHBEL, b. 25 Jan. 1748.

ix. THANKFUL, b. 5 Apr. 1750; d. at West Hartford 12 May 1790, aged 40; m. at Newington Parish, Wethersfield, 7 Feb. 1782, ABIJAH[5] FLAGG, b. at Bristol, Conn., 5 May 1755, d. at West Hartford 21 Nov. 1842, aged 87, s. of Abijah[4] (*Allen*[3], *Allen*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Sarah. He m. (2) 20 Nov. 1791, Thankful Woodhouse of Wethersfield, who d. 18 Mar. 1843, aged 90. Children, bapt. at West Hartford: 1. *George*, b. 9 Dec. 1782; m. 25 Nov. 1805, Ruth Elmore. 2. *Augustus*, b. 19 Mar. 1784; m. 20 Jan. 1814, Lydia Welles. 3. *Ruth*, b. 22 Sept. 1785. 4. *Abigail*, b. 16 Mar. 1787; m. 27 Nov. 1806, Mark Gridley of Farmington, Conn. 5. *Alma*, b. 15 Mar. 1789; m. 1 May 1811, Moses R. Spencer of Simsbury, Conn.

x. ROSWELL, b. 20 July 1752; d. 26 Oct. 1756.

xi. LOIS, b. 10 Oct. 1754; d. 9 Dec. 1836; m. 26 June 1788, THOMAS FOX.

30. ZACHARIAH[4] SEYMOUR (*Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 24 Sept. 1712, was buried there 24 Aug. 1777, aged 65. He married first, at Hartford, 25 Apr. 1739, SARAH[5]

STEELE, born about 1716, buried at Hartford 26 Mar. 1759, daughter of Jonathan[4] (*James*[3], *James*[2], *George*[1]) and Dorothy (Mygatt); and secondly ELIZABETH [possibly CARTER].

Zachariah Seymour settled at Harwinton, Conn., where he lived until about 1754, when he removed to Hartford, and thence about 1764 to Wethersfield, Conn., where he was living shortly before his death. He was one of the Agents appointed by the inhabitants of Harwinton in 1737 to petition the Assembly.

Children by first wife, the births of the first nine recorded at Harwinton:

i. ANNE[5] (or ANNA), b. 8 July 1739; d. at Benson, Vt., 4 Aug. 1822; m. 19 Mar. 1758, SAMUEL HOWARD, JR., b. 12 July 1733, d. at Hartford 19 Aug. 1783, aged 50, s. of Samuel and Alice (Hooker). In his will, dated 16 Mar. 1783 and proved 13 Jan. 1784, he names his wife Anna and the following children: 1. *Anna*, b. 24 Jan. 1759; m. (1) ——— Easton; m. (2) ——— Holabird. 2. *Samuel*, b. 20 Oct. 1760; m. 13 Jan. 1785, Jennett Currie. 3. *James*, b. 18 May 1763; m. Abigail Hinman. 4. *Sarah*, b. 1 June 1765; m. Dea. Simeon Goodrich. 5. *Mary*, b. 16 June 1767; m. (1) ——— Burbank; m. (2) Luther Branch. 6. *Daniel*, b. 10 Aug. 1769; m. (1) 5 Dec. 1794, Betsey Hinman; m. (2) 15 Feb. 1826, Sarah (———) Dickinson. 7. *Susannah*, b. 22 Sept. 1772; m. ——— Bates. 8. *Henry*, b. 4 Jan. 1775; res. Detroit, Mich., of which his son was Mayor. 9. *Huldah*, b. 8 Mar. 1778; m. David King.

ii. SARAH, b. 20 Jan. 1741; d. at Albany, N. Y., 27 Dec. 1808; m. TIMOTHY[5] STEELE, b. at Hartford abt. 1736, d. at Hartford 16 June 1806, in his 70th year, s. of Daniel[4] (*Samuel*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Mary (Hopkins) and first cousin of William[5] Steele, who m. Lydia Seymour (20, i). Their grandfather, Samuel[3] Steele, m. Mercy Bradford, dau. of Maj. William Bradford of Plymouth. Children: 1. *Roswell*, b. abt. 1765; d. unm. 21 Apr. 1809, aged 44. 2. *Sarah*, b. abt. 1766; m. in 1793, Nathaniel White. 3. *Lucy*, b. abt. 1769; m. (1) Ebenezer Beach; m. (2) 1 Jan. 1800, Dr. William Whitman. 4. *Daniel*, b. 20 Mar. 1772; m. (1) 15 Apr. 1797, Elizabeth Van Benthusen; m. (2) 16 Nov. 1826, Mary Wood. 5. *Lavinia*, b. abt. 1775; m. 10 Mar. 1796, Hon. Augustus Porter. 6. *Mittie*, b. 14 Dec. 1777; m. 14 Sept. 1800, Capt. George Benton. 7. *Oliver*, b. abt. 1781; m. Sarah H. Bass.

iii. HANNAH, b. 23 Sept. 1742; d. at Hartford and bur. 25 Apr. 1784, aged 42; m. WILLIAM ANDRUS, b. 28 Oct. 1740, d. at Hartford 1 May 1815, aged 79. He kept a tavern in the days of the Revolutionary War. In his will, dated 8 Apr. 1813 and proved 8 May 1815, he names his eldest son Nathaniel, his son Horace, and his three daughters, viz., Sarah wife of Calvin Seymour, Abigail wife of Timothy Wells, and Elizabeth wife of Chauncey Barnard.

Children (order unknown) : 1. *William*, b. abt. 1763; d. Dec. 1798. 2. *Sarah*, b. abt. 1765; m. Calvin[6] Seymour, s. of Aaron[5] and Abigail. 3. *Abigail*, m. Timothy Wells. 4. *Elizabeth*, b. 25 Nov. 1770; m. 4 Feb. 1802, Chauncey Barnard, who m. (2) Eliza[6] Seymour, dau. of Daniel[5] and Lydia (King). 5. *Nathaniel*, m. Mary[6] Seymour, dau. of Freeman[5] and Mary. 6. *Horace*. 7. *Child*, b. abt. 1778; bur. 25 July 1783, ae. 5. 8. *Roswell*.

iv. HUIDAH, b. 5 Jan. 1744/5; d. 25 Aug. 1796; m. (1) in 1765, JONATHAN GROSS, who d. in 1771, s. of Freeman and Susanna (Bunce) ; m. (2) at Hartford, 5 Jan. 1774, CAPT. EZRA FELLOWS, b. in 1732, d. 17 July 1805. Children by first husband: 1. *Sarah*, b. 10 Aug. 1766; d. 12 Sept. 1796; m. Dr. Sylvester Barnard, who d. 14 Apr. 1817, ae. 58.* 2. *Child*, bur. 28 Sept. 1769. 3. *Mary*, b. 6 Mar. 1771; m. Ebenezer Center, bapt. at West Hartford, 4 Sept. 1768. Children by second husband: 4. *Huldah*, b. 27 Feb. 1775; d. at Sheffield, Mass., 26 Mar. 1796, ae. 21; m. in 1793, Eli Ensign, who d. 1 Aug. 1846, ae. 76. 5. *Lucinda*, b. Mar. 1781; d. 13 Nov. 1815; m. in 1801, John L. Hopkins.

v. ABIGAIL, b. 30 Apr. 1746; d. at Litchfield, Conn., 16 May 1806, aged 60 years and 5 days (gravestone) ; m. (1) at Litchfield, 25 Dec. 1766, PETER[5] BUELL, b. at Litchfield 12 Oct. 1739, d. there 30 Jan. 1797. s. of Peter[4] (*John*[3], *Samuel*[2], *William*[1]) and Avis (Collins) ; m. (2) GEN. TIMOTHY SKINNER of Litchfield. Children by first husband: 1. *William*, b. 27 Nov. 1767; m. 6 May 1796, Abigail Bacon. 2. *Abigail*, b. 3 May 1770; m. 7 Feb. 1794, Melancton Woolsey Wells. 3. *Rachel*, b. 17 May 1773; m. 8 June 1800, John Wells. 4. *Jonathan*, b. 8 May 1776; m. 8 Feb. 1802, Abigail Bush. 5. *Charles*, b. 1 Oct. 1778; m. 2 Jan. 1804, Susannah Buell. 6. *Samuel*, b. 27 Sept. 1782; m. 28 June 1819, Minerva Wadhams.

vi. REBECCA, b. 29 Mar. 1749; d. 1 Sept. 1807, aged 60; m. at Hartford, 28 June 1767, ELDAD[6] SHEPARD, bapt. at Hartford 30 Nov. 1740, d. at Granville, Mass., 13 Aug. 1807, aged 67, s. of John[5] (*Samuel*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Edward*[1]) and Rebecca. Children: 1. *Oliver*, bapt. 27 Sept. 1767. 2. *Rhoda*, b. 14 Feb. 1770; m. Chauncey Allen. 3. *Anna*, b. 2 Apr. 1772; m. (1) Elijah Lewis; m. (2) Fisher A. Ellis. 4. *James*, b. 21 Dec. 1774; m. 19 Feb. 1801, Abigail Andrews. 5. *Elizabeth*, b. 2 Sept. 1777; m. 2 Mar. 1798, Hosea Hinsdale. 6. *Rebecca*, b. 12 Feb. 1780; m. Benjamin Lee. 7. *Amelia*, b. 28 Mar. 1782; m. (1) Elijah H. Wheeler; m. (2) Capt. George Lee. 8. *Levi*, b. 7 Oct. 1784; m. 4 Nov. 1812, Elizabeth Kilbourn. 9. *Ruth*, b. abt. 1787; m. 15 Apr. 1811, Reuben Cook. 10. *Mary*, b. 7 Aug. 1789; m. 12 May 1811, Rev. Amos Chase.

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* Their son, Robert Foster Barnard, b. 14 Aug. 1784, d. 9 Dec. 1856, was father of President Barnard of Columbia College and of Gen. J. G. Barnard.

vii. DOROTHY, b. 19 Apr. 1750; m. at Litchfield, Conn., 20 Nov. 1776, DR. ABEL[5] CATLIN of Litchfield, b. at Litchfield 25 Feb. 1746/7, d. at Bristol, Conn., 23 Dec. 1831, s. of Thomas[4] (*Samuel*[3], *John*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Abigail (Bissell). He was a Surgeon in the 4th Conn. Regt. in 1775, afterwards on sloops of war. Children: 1. *Dennis*, b. 14 Mar. 1777; m. in June 1798, Charlotte Noble. 2. *Polly*, m. John McNeil. 3. *Betsey*, m. ——— Boardman. 4. *Dolly*, m. ——— Chapin. 5. *Harry*. 6. *Mary*, m. Truman Buell. 7. *Nabby*, m. Asahel Peck. 8. *Baron*.

viii. MARY (twin), b. 16 Nov. 1752; d. at Canandaigua, N. Y., 13 Dec. 1826; m. OLIVER PHELPS, who d. at Canandaigua 21 Feb. 1809, aged 60, perhaps the Oliver[4] Phelps who was b. at Poquonock, Conn., 21 Oct. 1749, s. of Thomas[3] (*John*[2], *George*[1]) and Ann (Brown). He was a Colonel in the Revolutionary Army. Children, b. at Granville, Mass.: 1. *Lavinia*, b. abt. 1774. 2. *Oliver Leicester*, b. 22 Sept. 1775; m. 22 Jan. 1795, Betsey Law Sherman. 3. *Mary*, b. 5 Sept. 1778; m. Amasa Jackson.

ix. MILICENT (twin), b. 16 Nov. 1752; d. 17 Jan. 1832; m. at Pittsfield, Mass., 11 Oct. 1774, CAPT. RUFUS ALLEN, b. 13 Apr. 1749, d. at Andover, Alleghany Co., N. Y., 7 Oct. 1813, s. of Joseph. He was a merchant for forty years in Pittsfield, Mass., then removed to Mumford, N. Y. Children: 1. *Horace*, b. 4 Nov. 1775; d. 1 Nov. 1836; m. Jane ———. 2. *Rufus*, b. 2 Nov. 1777; d. 19 Nov. 1777. 3. *Sarah*, b. 25 Dec. 1778; d. Aug. 1812; m. ——— Williams. 4. *Emily*, b. 7 Jan. 1781; m. 27 Mar. 1823, Philip Wardner. 5. *Rufus*, b. 23 Jan. 1783; d. 14 Jan. 1819. 6. *Polly*, b. 26 Sept. 1785; d. 5 May 1817; m. Prof. Hill, an astronomer. 7. *Sophia*, b. 17 Oct. 1787; d. in 1829; m. 25 Sept. 1810, Noadiah Sacket. 8. *Seymour*, b. 3 Mar. 1790; d. in 1851, unm. 9. *Seth*, b. 20 Feb. 1792; d. in infancy. 10. *Seth*, b. 20 May 1794; d. in 1835. 11. *Oliver*, b. 4 Jan. 1798; d. 18 Nov. 1848; m. 5 Dec. 1822, Jerusha Hopkins Remington.

x. ASHBEL, b. at Hartford, 26 Jan. 1755; d. 20 Sept. 1755.

xi. MARGARET, b. 9 Oct. 1756; bur. 11 Oct. 1758.

86. xii. ZACHARIAH, b. at Hartford, 4 Jan. 1759.

31. ENSIGN JOSEPH[4] SEYMOUR (*Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]) was baptized at Hartford, Conn., 14 July 1728. He married ABIGAIL HOWARD, baptized at Hartford 17 Nov. 1728, daughter of Samuel and Alice (Hooker) and sister of Samuel Howard, Jr., who married Anne[5] Seymour (30, i).

In 1754 Joseph Seymour was living at Hartford, according to conveyances of land made by himself and wife Abigail. Soon afterwards he removed to Windsor, Conn. In Feb. or Mar. 1766 he

settled in that territory owned by Windsor which was incorporated in 1779 as the town of Colebrook, Conn., being called the third settler in that place, where he was admitted freeman 10 Apr. 1780. In Oct. 1774 his name appears, in a list of commissioned officers, as Ensign of a company in Colebrook in the Eighteenth Regiment. In the Connecticut Census of 1790 the family of Joseph is given as consisting of 2 males over 16 and 4 females.

Children:

87. i. JOSEPH[5], bapt. at Hartford, 23 Feb. 1751/2.
ii. WILLIAM, served in the Revolution; enlisted from Wintonbury, 1777, in the same company with his brother Joseph.
iii. ABIGAIL.
iv. CHLOE, m. ——— BOSWORTH.
88. v. STEPHEN, b. 9 June 1759.
vi. SUSAN, m. JOHN STILLMAN.
vii. REBECCA.
89. viii. BILDAD, b. 15 Jan. 1766.
ix. EUNICE, b. 28 June 1768; d. at Turin, N. Y., 17 May 1848; m. at Colebrook, 9 Sept. 1790, STEPHEN HART, b. at Wallingford, Conn., 3 June 1767, d. at Turin, 13 Aug. 1857, s. of Nathaniel and Alice (Hall). Children: 1. *Jeremiah*, b. 28 May 1791; d. 30 Jan. 1821. 2. *Martin*, b. 30 Oct. 1792; d. 24 May 1879; m. Sally Collins. 3. *Seymour*, b. 5 Aug. 1794; d. 16 Nov. 1835. 4, 5. *Twins*, b. 28 June 1796; d. July 1796. 6. *Melinda*, b. 5 Sept. 1797; d. 9 May 1838; m. Royal D. Dewey, M.D. 7. *Eliza*, b. 26 Aug. 1799; d. 30 Aug. 1854; m. Henry Robbins. 8. *Sylvester*, b. 27 Sept. 1803; m. 1 Mar. 1830, Abigail Seymour. 9. *Anson*, b. 10 Jan. 1807; d. Nov. 1880; m. Hester Ann Warren.
90. x. SAMUEL, b. 16 Sept. 1770.
91. xi. TRUMAN, b. 30 Sept. 1773.

32. SAMUEL[4] SEYMOUR (*Samuel*[3], *Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Farmington, Conn., died before 21 Feb. 1748/9, when the inventory of his estate was taken. He married SUSANNA JUDD, born at Farmington 8 Sept. 1726, died in 1812, daughter of Dea. Anthony[3] (*John*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Susanna (Woodford). She married secondly, after 3 Jan. 1749/50 (the date of her father's will), Eliakim[4] Seymour (35), *q.v.*, son of Jonathan[3] and Eunice (Hollister) and first cousin of her first husband.

Samuel Seymour lived at Kensington Parish, Farmington, now the town of Berlin. He was killed by the fall of a tree near the old fort which stood near where the Kensington Meeting House was

built.* Susanna, his widow, was appointed administratrix of his estate 7 Mar. 1748/9, and was also made guardian of her daughter Susanna. The inventory of the estate amounted to £4177. 18s. 6d.

Child:

i. SUSANNA[5], b. 21 Oct. 1748; d. at Kensington Parish, Farmington, 20 Dec. 1832, aged 84; m. at Kensington Parish, 26 Aug. 1767, ELIJAH[5] HOOKER, b. at Kensington Parish 12 Apr. 1746, d. there 27 Sept. 1823, aged 77, s. of John[4] (*John*[3], *Samuel*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Mary (Hart). Children, b. at Kensington Parish: 1. *John*, b. 17 Apr. 1768; m. (1) 5 Sept. 1790, Abigail Goodrich; m. (2) 2 Feb. 1795, Mary Ives. 2. *Elijah*, b. 12 Dec. 1769; m. 21 Apr. 1796, Polly Judd. 3. *Lucy*, b. 13 Jan. 1772; m. 24 Dec. 1795, Cyprian Hart. 4. *Saxa*, b. 10 Feb. 1774; m. 23 Jan. 1799, Clarissa Stocking. 5. *Susanna*, b. 28 Mar. 1776; m. 7 May 1798, Russell Cole. 6. *Samuel*, b. 16 Aug. 1778; m. 21 Jan. 1806, Huldah Norton. 7. *Ashbel*, b. 26 Nov. 1780; m. 31 Oct. 1802, Lavinia Smith. 8. *Seth*, b. 18 Jan. 1783; m. (1) 18 Sept. 1808, Sarah Griswold; m. (2) 11 July 1823, Calista Nimocks. 9. *Uriel*, b. 14 May 1785; m. in June 1812, Sophia Root. 10. *Anson*, b. 14 Feb. 1788; d. 29 Oct. 1823. 11. *Polly*, b. 24 Mar. 1791; d. 31 May 1821. 12. *Horace*, b. 25 Mar. 1793; m. (1) 17 July 1822, Mary Ann Brown; m. (2) 22 Nov. 1843, Harriet Watkinson.

33. LIEUT. RICHARD[4] SEYMOUR (*Ebenezer*[3], *Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Farmington, Conn., 16 Oct. 1716, died at Watertown, Conn., 14 Aug. 1796, aged 80 years. He married first, at Waterbury, Conn., 20 May 1740, MARY[4] HICKOX, born at Waterbury 30 Oct. 1721, died at Watertown 15 July 1744, daughter of Capt. Samuel[3] (*William*[2], *Samuel*[1]) and Mary (Hopkins);† and secondly, at Waterbury, 27 Apr. 1747, JOANNA BROWN, who died at Watertown 5 Nov. 1813, aged 88 years, daughter of Samuel and Joanna.

Richard Seymour settled in the Westbury Parish of Waterbury, which was incorporated as the town of Watertown in 1780. He was chosen Lieutenant of the Second Company, Tenth Regiment of Militia, at Waterbury, 1 May 1769, and in 1772, "on Account of His Age & also His Infirmity of Body," he requested to be dismissed from that office. In his will, dated 30 July and proved 10 Oct. 1796,

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* Has his fate been confused with that of his grandfather, Richard[2], or was this a strange coincidence?—*Editor.*

† Three children of Capt. Samuel and Mary (Hopkins) Hickox married children of Ebenezer Seymour (12), viz., William Hickox, who married Lydia Seymour (12, vi), Mary Hickox, who married Richard Seymour (33), and Mehitabel Hickox, who married Stephen Seymour (34).

he names his wife Joanna, children of his son "Joseph,"* deceased, the three children of his oldest daughter, deceased, viz., Stephen, Deborah, and Lydia, his oldest daughter living, viz., Lucy, his two sons Samuel and Josiah, his three daughters Joanna, Huldah, and Anna, and his grandchildren, Miranda and James, children of his daughter "Vaodisa," deceased.

Children by first wife, born at Waterbury:

92. i. JOASH[5], b. 1 May 1742.

ii. MARY, b. 15 July 1744; d. 7 Feb. 1768; m. at Waterbury, 3 June 1761, LEVI[4] WELTON, b. at Waterbury 6 Mar. 1741/2, s. of Stephen[3] (*Richard*[2], *John*[1]) and Deborah (Sutliff). He m. (2) Molly Hall. Children: 1. *Deborah*, b. 28 Mar. 1762. 2. *Lydia*, b. 28 Oct. 1763; m. 12 Feb. 1782, Aaron Warner. 3. *Stephen*, b. 1 Oct. 1765.

Children by second wife, born at Waterbury:

93. iii. SAMUEL, b. 5 June 1748.

iv. LUCY, b. 6 Apr. 1751; d. unm., of influenza, 1 Mar. 1826, aged 75; *non compos mentis.*

v. JOANNA, b. 19 May 1753; d. 10 Oct. 1756.

vi. HULDAH, b. 4 Oct. 1755; d. 29 Sept. 1756.

vii. JOANNA, b. 1 Sept. 1757; d. 5 Oct. 1833; m. at Watertown, 10 Sept. 1777, ALLYN SOUTHMAYD[6] JUDD, b. at Waterbury 5 Oct. 1756, d. at Windsor, Broome Co., N. Y., s. of Timothy[5] (*William*[4], *Thomas*[3], *William*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Milicent (Gaylord). They lived in Northfield Parish, Litchfield, Conn., and removed to Windsor, N. Y., in May 1803. Children: 1. *Fanny*, b. 24 Feb. 1778; m. 13 Oct. 1805, Joel Garnsey. 2. *Polly*, b. 22 Mar. 1779; d. in 1793. 3. *Timothy*, b. 13 Sept. 1780; m. 20 Feb. 1823, Lucy Lounesbury. 4. *Milicent*, b. 21 Apr. 1782; living unm. in 1850. 5. *Gaylord*, b. 7 Oct. 1784; m. (1) 24 June 1805, Sally Higley; m. (2) 16 Jan. 1825, Jane M. Mather. 6. *Joanna* (or *Anna*), b. 17 Dec. 1786; m. (1) 30 Nov. 1812, Chauncey Atwater; m. (2) 9 Apr. 1839, Minor Hill. 7. *Susanna*, b. 30 Nov. 1788; m. 2 Aug. 1810, Ezra G. Bennett. 8. *Althea*, b. 13 Dec. 1790; d. unm. 25 Dec. 1819. 9. *Elizabeth*, b. in Aug. 1793; m. 26 Mar. 1832, Lemuel Beardsley. 10. *Allyn S.*, b. 23 Apr. 1796. 11. *Frederic*, b. 4 May 1799.

94. viii. JOSIAH, b. 11 Oct. 1759.

ix. HULDAH, b. 23 Dec. 1761; m. DANIEL[5] GARNSEY, b. at Waterbury 18 July 1760, d. at Blue Lick, Ind., 28 Apr. 1840, s. of Jonathan[4] (*Jonathan*[3], *Joseph*[2], *Joseph*[1]) and Desire (Bronson). Children: 1. *William*, m. Hannah French. 2. *Seymour*, m. ——— Blakeslee. 3. *Grey*. 4. *Mellicent*, m. Isaac Townsend. 5. *Anna*, m. ——— Briggs. 6. *Polly*, m. Jacob Lane. 7. *Bronson*, m. ——— Kelly.

x. ANN, b. the last day of Feb. 1764; d. at Watertown 2 Jan. 1807,

* Error in probate records. The name should be "Joash."

aged 43; m. Amos[6] Foote, b. at Waterbury 15 Jan. 1763, d. at Watertown 4 May 1834, s. of Thomas[5] (*Thomas*[4], *John*[3], *Robert*[2], *Nathaniel*[1]) and Rebecca (Doud). He m. (2) Eunice (Woodward) Daley. Children: Six bapt. at Watertown 16 May 1800 (names not given). 7. *Anna Mariah*, bapt. in July 1805. Perhaps others.

xi. Vodice (or Boadice), b. in Mar. 1766; d. at Watertown 8 July 1796, aged 31; m. Samuel Williams. She was probably the "Boadina" Seymour who had "Meranda," b. at Waterbury 29 July 1787. Children, named in the will of their grandfather, Richard Seymour: 1. *Miranda.* 2. *James.*

xii. Miles, b. in July 1769; d. 12 Dec. 1773.

34. Capt. Stephen[4] Seymour (*Ebenezer*[3], *Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Plymouth, Conn., born, probably at Farmington, Conn., about 1718, died at Sharon, Conn., 13 Nov. 1807, aged 89, being buried in the parish of Ellsworth in that town. He married first, at Waterbury, Conn., 18 Mar. 1740/1, Mehitabel[4] Hickox, born at Waterbury 22 Nov. 1723, died there 9 May 1767, daughter of Capt. Samuel[3] (*William*[2], *Samuel*[1]) and Mary (Hopkins) and sister of Mary, wife of Richard Seymour (33), and of William Hickox, husband of Lydia Seymour (12, vi); secondly, at Waterbury, 12 Oct. 1767, Mary (Dunbar) Elwell, who died at Plymouth 8 Oct. 1799, aged 83, daughter of John of Wallingford, Conn.; and probably thirdly, at Plymouth, in Nov. 1801, ——— Todd.

Stephen Seymour settled in the Northbury Parish of Waterbury, which formed part of the town of Waterbury until 1780 and then was included in the town of Watertown until 1795, when it was incorporated as a separate town under the name of Plymouth. In 1764 he was Ensign, on 6 May 1765 he was chosen Lieutenant of the Northbury Company of the Militia at Waterbury, and in May 1777 he was elected Captain of the Alarm List Company of Northbury Parish, Tenth Regiment, resigning this office in 1780 "on account of old age." About 1804 he removed with his son Amos to Sharon, where he spent the last few years of his life. In his will, dated at Plymouth 6 Feb. 1797 and proved at Sharon 15 Mar. 1808, he bequeaths to his son Amos his farming tools and all his right to the house and barn where he (Stephen) then lived, over and above his proportion with his brothers; and to his sons Gideon, Abel, Daniel, David, Zadock, Stephen, and Amos, and daughters Thankful, Mehitabel, and Amy he bequeaths the rest of his estate, both real and personal, each son to have two seventeenth parts and each

daughter one seventeenth part. The inventory includes a debt of $20 against Mehitabel Mason and a debt of $14.21 against Thankful Hickox. These sums of money form part of their respective shares of the estate, which was distributed 22 Sept. 1808. Mary, second wife of Stephen, in her will dated 8 Jan. 1779 and proved 4 Nov. 1799, makes bequests to the Congregational Church of Northbury and to her husband Stephen Seymour, and also leaves one-third of her land to son Amos Seymour, one-third to Ebenezer Elwell, son of Samuel Elwell, and the remaining one-third to her cousins, Mary, wife of Jonah Sanford, Molly Dunbar, daughter of the testatrix's brother John, Mary, daughter of Andrew Andrus and wife Elizabeth, and Mary Dotha, daughter of Moses Blakeslee of New Cheshire.

Children by first wife, born at Waterbury:

95. i. GIDEON[5], b. 24 Sept. 1741.

ii. THANKFUL, b. 6 Nov. 1743; m. at Waterbury, 12 May 1765, as his second wife, THOMAS[4] HICKOX, b. at Waterbury 4 Apr. 1737, s. of Dea. Thomas[3] (*Thomas*[2], *Samuel*[1]) and Miriam (Hawkins). He m. (1) 17 July 1760, Lois Richards, who d. 11 May 1764. Children: 1. *Lois Richards*, b. 29 Mar. 1766; d. 19 Dec. 1766. 2. *Thomas*, b. 19 Oct. 1767. 3. *Lois Richards*, b. 29 Oct. 1769. 4. *Mark*, b. 23 May 1773. 5. *Ira*, b. 24 Mar. 1775. 6. *Isaac*, b. 5 July 1778.

96. iii. ABEL, b. 2 July 1745.

97. iv. DANIEL, b. 30 Oct. 1748.

98. v. DAVID, b. 5 May 1750.

vi. AMOS, b. 9 July 1752; d. 11 Dec. 1759.

vii. LYDIA, b. 17 June 1754; d. 2 Oct. 1772.

99. viii. ZADOC, b. 30 Apr. 1757.

ix. MEHITABEL (twin), b. 21 July 1759; m. at Bethlehem, Conn., 26 Nov. 1792, JOSEPH MASON.

100. x. STEPHEN (twin), b. 21 July 1759.

xi. AMY, b. 7 June 1761; d. 8 Nov. 1826; m. 17 Apr. 1785, JAMES CURTISS, perhaps b. at Waterbury, 28 June 1765, d. 22 July 1835, s. of James and Judith (Elwell); res. Galway and Sherburn, N. Y. Children: 1. *David*, b. 18 Aug. 1786. 2. *Sybil*, b. 8 Mar. 1788.

101. xii. AMOS, b. 5 Sept. 1766.

35. ELIAKIM[4] SEYMOUR (*Jonathan*[3], *Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Farmington, Conn., about May or June 1725, died before 1 Aug. 1767, when the inventory of his estate was taken. He married SUSANNA[4] (JUDD) SEYMOUR, born at Farmington 8 Sept. 1726, died in 1812, daughter of Dea. Anthony[3] (*John*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Susanna (Woodford) and widow of Eliakim's first cousin, Samuel[4] Seymour (32).

Eliakim Seymour lived at Kensington Parish, Farmington. Administration on his estate was granted to Susanna, his widow, 4 Aug. 1767. He owned no land, and the estate was insolvent. Widow Susanna Seymour was received into the church at Kensington Parish 17 Sept. 1769.

Children, bapt. at Kensington Parish, Farmington:

i. JERUSHA[5], m. at Farmington, 24 Nov. 1774, JAMES MERRILL, a tailor, who later lived, as a druggist, at Castleton, Vt. Seven sons, *Orsamus, Timothy, James S., Erasmus, Edwin, Ferrand,* and another.

ii. MARY, bapt. 8 May 1757; m. DANIEL GREEN of Granville, N. Y., later of Hartwick, N. Y. Children: 1. *John.* 2. *Seymour,* of Osceola, N. Y., served in the Legislature. 3. *Daniel.* 4. *Jabez.* 5. *Olive,* m. Benjamin Story.

102. iii. JONATHAN, b. 27 Aug. 1759.

103. iv. SAMUEL, bapt. 26 Sept. 1762.

36. MATTHEW[5] SEYMOUR (*Matthew*[4], *Matthew*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Ridgefield, Conn., born there 7 Apr. 1723, died there 24 Nov. 1816 in 94th year (gravestone); married COMFORT[5] CURTISS, born at Stratford, Conn., about 1725, died at Ridgefield, 4 Mar. 1819 in 94th year (gravestone), daughter of Nathaniel[4] (*Zechariah*[3], *William*[2], *Elizabeth*[1]) and Hannah (Wells).

Children, born at Ridgefield:

i. SARAH[6], b. 19 Sept. 175[0]; d. young.

ii. SARAH, b. 15 Aug. 176[0].

iii. NATHANIEL, b. 2 Nov. 1765; d. at Ridgefield, 16 Jan. 1850; m. at Ridgefield, 21 Jan. 1790, ADAH[5] (OLMSTEAD) HOYT, b. at Ridgefield, 27 Nov. 1763, d. there 4 or 5 Feb. 1843, widow of Jonathan Hoyt, and dau. of Capt. Daniel[4] (*Richard*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]) and Elizabeth (Northrup). Nine children.

37. THOMAS[5] SEYMOUR (*Matthew*[4], *Matthew*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Ridgefield, Conn., born at Ridgefield about 1728, died there 16 Feb. 1812 in 85th year; married at Ridgefield, 17 Feb. 175–, SARAH[3] ROCKWELL, born at Ridgefield, 1 Mar. 1733, died there 27 Apr. 1814, aged 81, daughter of Thomas[2] (*Thomas*[1]) and Ruth (Benedict).

Will of Thomas Seymour of Ridgefield, dated 6 Mar. 1806, proved 26 Feb. 1812. To wife Sarah, the improvement of one-third of the real estate during her life, and one-third of the personal estate for-

ever. To daughter Ruth, $57, besides what I have already given her. To daughter Sarah, the use of one room on the lower floor of my house while she is unmarried, also $150 as a reward for services she has done me since she came of age. To daughter Hannah, $60, besides what I have given her. To son Jared, two acres of land. To son Thaddeus, one-half of the dwelling house and one-half of the barn. To five sons Thomas, Jared, Abijah, Matthew, and Thaddeus, rest of the estate. Nathan Smith, Esq., and Jared Olmsted to be executors. Inventory of above estate taken 17 Mar. 1812. A receipt dated Ridgefield, 25 Sept. 1812, was given by Gershom Lockwood and wife Hannah for her bequest, similar ones dated 28 Sept. 1812 by Thomas and Ruth Scott and Sarah Seymour, the daughter. Distribution of the above estate was made 15 Nov. 1812 between Thomas, Jared, Abijah, Matthew and Thaddeus Seymour, Sarah Seymour the daughter, and Sarah Seymour the widow.

Administration upon the estate of Sarah Seymour late of Ridgefield deceased was granted to Samuel Stebbins and Thaddeus Seymour both of Ridgefield, 9 July 1832. Distribution of said estate made 20 April 1833 between Samuel Seymour, son of Thomas, who was a brother of Sarah; Molly, Stephen, and Betsy Ann Gilbert, heirs of Anna Gilbert who was a daughter of said Thomas; Abijah Seymour, a brother of Sarah; Matthew Seymour, another brother; Ruth Scott, a sister; Betsey Canfield and Rufus Lockwood, heirs of Hannah Lockwood dec'd, another sister; and Thaddeus Seymour, a brother.

Children, born at Ridgefield:

i. THOMAS[6], b. 20 Dec. 1756; d. at Wilton, Conn., before 3 June 1820 (division of estate); m. at Ridgefield, 3 May 1785, ANNA[5] OLMSTEAD, b. at Ridgefield, 19 Jan. 1756, d. 9 or 19 Oct. 1849, dau. of Stephen[4] (*Richard*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]) and Hannah (Northrup). Two children.

ii. HANNAH, b. 10 Aug. 1758; d. 22 Aug. 1758.

iii. JARED, b. 3 Aug. 1759; d. at Ridgefield, 6 Aug. 1831; m. at Salem, N. Y., 15 or 16 July 1805, ESTHER[5] KELLOGG, b. at Norwalk or Ridgefield, 4 Mar. 1771, d. at Ridgefield, 21 June 1844, dau. of Daniel[4] (*Daniel*[3], *Daniel*[2], *Daniel*[1]) and Elizabeth (Boalt). No issue.

iv. ABIJAH, b. 9 July 1762; d. at Ridgefield, 25 Apr. 1848; m. at Norwalk, 29 Sept. 1782, ELIZABETH HINES, b. 18 Aug. 1760, d. 25 Feb. 1839. Seven children.

v. MATTHEW, b. 20 Feb. 1765; d. at Ridgefield, 4 Feb. 1842; m. BETSEY GREGORY; no children named in his will.

vi. RUTH, b. 8 Apr. 1770; d. at Ridgefield, 29 Feb. 1848, aged 78; m. at Ridgefield, 21 Apr. 1788, THOMAS SCOTT, who d. before June 1832.

vii. SARAH, b. 12 Apr. 1773; d. unm. 14 Feb. 1832, aged 59 (gravestone).

viii. HANNAH, b. 4 Mar. 1775; d. 9 Mar. 1826, aged 53; m. May 1798, GERSHOM[6] LOCKWOOD, b. at Fairfield, 17 Sept. 1776, d. at Lewisboro, N. Y., s. of Michael[5] (*John*[4], *John*[3], *Joseph*[2], *Robert*[1]) and Abigail (Adams).

ix. THADDEUS, b. 10 Mar. 1782; d. at Ridgefield, 22 May 1834; m. ABIAH NASH, b. 21 Apr. 1782, d. 13 Nov. 1862, dau. of Abraham and Sarah (Olmstead). Six children.

38. SAMUEL[5] SEYMOUR (*Samuel*[4], *Matthew*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Greenwich, Conn., born about 1731, died 11 Apr. 1818, ae. 88; married first, at New Canaan, Conn., 17 Mar. 1750/1, SARAH[5] BETTS, who died before 1770, daughter of John[4] (*John*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Sarah (Gregory); married second, ABIGAIL MILLS, born at Greenwich, 23 Feb. 1748, died at Rye, N. Y., 8 July 1831.

Will of Samuel Seymour of Greenwich dated 5 Sept. 1816, proved 18 Apr. 1818, names wife Abigail, son Drake, daughter Hannah widow of Nathaniel Mead dec'd, my grandchildren the children of my daughter Elizabeth Marshall dec'd, the three sons of my son William dec'd, my daughter Sabrina Bush, the two youngest sons of my daughter Rhoda Hobby dec'd, viz.—Nehemiah B. Hobby and Samuel S. Hobby, my daughter Polly wife of Nehemiah Brown of Rye, and my grandson Samuel Seymour Hobby.

Will of Abigail Seymour of Rye, N. Y., dated 22 May 1828, proved 6 Sept. 1831, names my grandchildren, viz.—Lydia Hobby, Phylander Hobby, Amy Husted, Benjamin Hobby (who lived in New York City), Nehemiah B. Hobby and Samuel S. Hobby; my great-granddaughter Mary Hobby daughter of Lydia Hobby, my great-grandson Benjamin Hobby son of Lydia Hobby, my great-granddaughter Abigail Jane Hobby daughter of Lydia Hobby, and my great-grandson James Redfield son of Abigail Jane Redfield late of Rye deceased, these four being under age. Pamelia R. Brown and Nehemiah Brown, Jr., witnesses. Abigail's next of kin were Seymour Hobby and wife Lydia, Philander Hobby, Roswell Husted and wife Amy, Nehemiah B. Hobby, Samuel S. Hobby and Benjamin Hobby.

He served on the committee of Safety of Greenwich, Conn., 1776.

Children by first wife:

i. HANNAH[6], b. 3 Oct. 1753; d. in 1853; m. (1) at Greenwich, 5 Sept. 1768, DAVID[4] HOBBY, b. abt. 1746, d. before 1802, s. of Jonathan[3] (*Jonathan*[2], *John*[1]) and Deborah (Lyon); m. (2) NATHANIEL MEAD, b. abt. 1728, d. in 1814, s. of John and Elizabeth (Lockwood).

ii. ELIZABETH, b. 9 May 1755; m. ——— MARSHALL.

iii. DRAKE, b. 4 Feb. 1757; d. at Greenwich, prior to 17 Mar. 1819 (date of administration); m. ——— ———. Five children.

iv. WILLIAM, b. 13 Apr. 1758; d. at Newburgh, N. Y., in 1811; m. (1) at Hempstead, L. I., 7 Jan. 1783, ESTHER SANDS of Oyster Bay, L. I.; m. (2) ELIZA POWELL, dau. of Henry and Mary (Keen) Powell. Six children.*

v. SABRINA, b. 6 Oct. 1761; d. after 1831; m. GILBERT[3] BUSH, b. at Rye, N. Y., 7 Nov. 1753, d. there 3 Feb. 1831, s. of Abraham[2] (*Justus*[1]) and Ruth (Lyon). The will of Gilbert Bush, dated 20 Oct. 1825, proved 28 Feb. 1831, named wife Sabrina and dau. Mary Emeline wife of Gershom Bulkley.

vi. SAMUEL, bapt. 27 Aug. 1763; d. before his father.

Children by second wife:

vii. RHODA, bapt. 12 Aug. 1770; d. before 5 Sept. 1816; m. ENOS HOBBY.

viii. LYDIA, bapt. 11 July 1775; d. before 5 Sept. 1816.

ix. MARY, bapt. Nov. 1779; m. at Greenwich, 17 Nov. 1796, NEHEMIAH BROWN; res. Rye, N. Y.

39. ANDREW[5] SEYMOUR (*Samuel*[4], *Matthew*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), born May 1734, died at Norwalk, New Canaan Parish, Conn., 17 Dec. 1773; "Andrew Seymour after a surgical operation by Dr. Townsend was in a hopeful way: but taken on the 9th day after of a fever, died in a week ——— 40 y."; married at New Canaan, 15 Jan. 1756, SARAH[3] CRISSEY, born at Stamford, Conn., 9 Oct. 1735, died at New Canaan, 26 July 1804, daughter of Nathaniel[2] (*John*[1]) and Hannah (Hoyt).

Inventory of the estate of Andrew Seymour late of Norwalk, dec'd, taken by Samuel Hanford and David St. John and exhibited at Court 17 Feb. 1774. On 25 Apr. 1776, division of the estate of said Andrew Seymour ordered to be made between the widow and children. After widow's thirds are set off, the estate is to be divided into eight equal parts, of which the eldest son shall have two-eighths

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* One, William Seymour (1791-1876), was father of Rev. Charles Seymour, a graduate of Columbia College (B.A., 1836, M.A., 1839), born at Newburgh, N. Y., 16 Jan. 1819; he was graduated from the General Theological Seminary in 1844; was Rector of All Saints' Church, Frederick City, Md., when the Civil War broke out, and Rector of Trinity Church, Boonville, N. Y., in 1885; he died at Nyack, N. Y., 29 June 1895.

and each of the other children one-eighth; and whereas Nathaniel, one of the children, a minor, under age and unmarried, has died since said Andrew, the remaining one-eighth shall be divided among his brothers and sisters.

Children, born at New Canaan, Conn.:

i. SAMUEL[6], b. 21 Sept. 1756; d. at Walton, Delaware Co., N. Y., 23 Jan. 1834; m. at Norwalk, Conn., 7 Feb. 1774, ANNA[5] WHITNEY, b. at Norwalk, 10 Apr. 1756, d. at Walton, N. Y., 14 Mar. 1835, dau. of David[4] (*Joseph*[3], *John*[2], *Henry*[1]) and Elizabeth (Hyatt). Twelve children. Samuel served in the Revolutionary War, enlisting as a Private in the Fall of 1776 and serving until the end of the war.

ii. JOHN, b. 7 Nov. 1758; d. 18 Apr. 1830; removed from New Canaan, Conn., to Genoa, Cayuga Co., N. Y., 1812; m. at Norwalk, Conn., 1 Feb. 1786, RUTH LAWRENCE, b. 6 Oct. 1768, d. 1 Apr. 1860. Ten children.

iii. ANN, b. 12 Sept. 1760; d. 25 Apr. 1784; m. at New Canaan, Conn., 5 Sept. 1783, CAPT. SAMUEL[5] HOYT (*Samuel*[4], *Jonathan*[3], *Samuel*[2], *Simon*[1]), b. at Stamford, 21 Oct. 1752, d. at Darien, Conn., 30 Dec. 1832, s. of Capt. Samuel[4] (*Jonathan*[3], *Samuel*[2], *Simon*[1]) and Deanah (Hanford). He served in the Revolution at Monmouth, N. J., and Yorktown, Va. He m. (2) Nov. 1784, Mary Hait, and (3) 19 Nov. 1820, Betsy Bates.

iv. SARAH, b. 12 Feb. 1763; d. 4 Dec. 1831; m. at New Canaan, 10 June 1790, CALEB[6] BENEDICT, b. 5 Apr. 1762, d. at Walton, N. Y., 24 Sept. 1822, s. of Caleb[5] (*Caleb*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Deborah (St. John).

v. ANDREW, b. 4 Jan. 1765; d. 24 Jan. 1844; res. Malta, N. Y.; m. at New Canaan, 9 June 1791, HANNAH[5] KELLOGG, b. 30 Apr. 1772, d. 8 Dec. 1848, dau. of Isaac[4] (*Gideon*[3], *Samuel*[2], *Daniel*[1]) and Hannah (Fitch). Twelve children, of whom Harmon[7] (1809-1892) was father of Rev. Edward[8] (1834-1911), a graduate of Trinity College and an Episcopal minister.

vi. JARED, b. 4 May 1766; d. 19 Feb. 1833; res. New Canaan, Conn., and Stockbridge, Mass.; m. at Stamford, Conn., 20 Sept. 1787, ABIGAIL SEELEY, b. 28 Aug. 1765, d. 26 Jan. 1845, dau. of Abijah. Eight children. He and members of his family are buried in the cemetery at Housatonic in the town of Great Barrington.

vii. NATHANIEL, b. 25 Mar. 1769; d. 24 Mar. 1775.

viii. JAMES, bapt. 5 Sept. 1772, "being sick—since dead"; "child" d. 2 July 1773.

HORATIO WINSLOW[9] SEYMOUR (*Andrew Milliken*[8], *Lewis*[7], *John*[6], *Andrew*[5], *Samuel*[4], *Matthew*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Genoa, Cayuga County, N. Y., 29 July 1854; educated in the public schools of Racine, Wis., learned the printers' trade in Racine; was city editor of the *Milwaukee News*, 1873-5; on the *Chicago Times* was

telegraph editor, 1875-9; and night editor, 1879-83; on the *Chicago Herald* was editorial writer, 1883-7, and editor and managing editor, 1887-95; on the consolidation of the *Times* and *Herald,* he became editor and publisher in 1895 of the Chicago Chronicle Company. He married at Racine, 31 Jan. 1876, Annie Eleanor Jones, born in Wales, 1 Jan. 1854, and had three daughters.

40. THADDEUS[5] SEYMOUR (*Samuel*[4], *Matthew*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at New Canaan, Conn, 13 Aug. 1737, died at Poundridge, N. Y., 1 Jan. 1811, ae. 73 y. 3 m. 25 d.; married at New Canaan, 12 Apr. 1759, MOLLY[5] SMITH, born 11 Oct. 1742, died after 1807, daughter of Nehemiah[4] (*Nehemiah*[3], *Samuel*[2], *William*[1]).

Will of Thaddeus Seymour of Poundridge, N. Y., names wife Molly and gives all real estate to my grandson Jared Fancher, he to pay $75 each to my daughters Esther, Rachel Bates, Hannah Stevens, Betty Schofield, $50 to my grandson Thaddeus Fancher, and $25 to my granddaughter Molly Curtis. Dated 5 Sept. 1807, proved 14 Mar. 1811. Witnesses, William Fancher, Sarah Fancher and Lyman Schofield.

Children:

i. ESTHER[6], bapt. 9 Dec. 1759; m. (1) ——— FANCHER; m. (2) ABRAHAM JONES.
ii. MOLLY, bapt. 31 Jan. 1762, m. (probably) ——— FANCHER.
iii. RACHEL, bapt. 26 Aug. 1764; m. 8 Feb. 1781, JOSHUA BATES.
iv. HANNAH, bapt. 20 Nov. 1766; m. at New Canaan, 3 May 1787, DAVID[5] STEVENS, b. at Stamford, 17 Mar. 1761, s. (probably) of David[4] (*David*[3], *Obadiah*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Mary (Talmadge).
v. BETTY, b. 19 Sept. 1768; m. ——— SCOFIELD.

41. MATTHEW[5] SEYMOUR (*Thomas*[4], *Matthew*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]) living probably at Salem, Westchester Co., N. Y., in 1790, but there are no deeds or probate at the county seat; died at Butternuts, N. Y.; married at New Canaan, Conn., 28 Feb. 1758, DINAH BOUTON.

Children, three born at Ridgefield, two at New Canaan, Conn.:

i. NATHAN[6], b. 15 Apr. 1758; living 1840, a pensioner, aged 84, at Burlington, Vt.; m. at Hadley, Mass., 27 Apr. 1780, ELIZABETH[5] WARNER, b. at Hadley, 29 Dec. 1753, d. there 12 Dec. 1822, dau. of Orange[4] (*Jacob*[3], *Jacob*[2], *Andrew*[1]) and Elizabeth (Graves). He enlisted in Jan. 1776, at Westfield, Mass., in Col. Larned's Regt., Mass. Line, for one year, saw service near Boston and New

York, was in the battle of Long Island and retreat from New York, and at Trenton. He was waiter to Lt.-Col. Shepherd, but saw active service. He joined Washington in December; "our shoes being worn out you might mark our footsteps by the blood from our feet." He was discharged Feb. 1777. He was of Plattsburgh, N. Y., in 1818 and 1822, and by 1833 had removed to Burlington, Vt., to reside with his son William. Seven children.

ii. DANIEL, b. 21 Apr. 1760; d. at Butternuts, N. Y., 5 Feb. 1831; m. (1) at Stamford, Conn., 25 Sept. 1782, MARY BATES, b. at Stamford, Conn., 6 Feb. 1761, d. at Albany, 22 Feb. 1813, dau. of Samuel and Ann (Morehouse); m. (2) 22 Nov. 1814, ANN DECENIA OAKEY, b. at New Brunswick, N. J., 31 Jan. 1792, d. 9 Sept. 1848. Ten children.*

iii. MEDAD, b. 10 Dec. 1761; d. at Stamford, Conn., 22 Jan. 1825; m. at Stamford, 4 Dec. 1791, SARAH HOLLY, b. at Stamford, 7 May 1766, d. at Newark, Ohio, 30 Sept. 1838, dau. of Nathan and Hannah. Nine children.

iv. MATTHEW, bapt. 15 Apr. 1764; m. and settled in Cortland Co., N. Y.

v. URIAH, bapt. 8 June 1766; d. at Stamford, Conn., 10 May 1852, ae. 84; m. at New Canaan, 11 May 1788, OLIVE WATERBURY, who d. at Ridgefield, 16 May 1812, ae. 45, dau. of Thomas. Eight children.

42. EBENEZER[5] SEYMOUR (*Thomas*[4], *Matthew*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 16 May 1729, died at Poundridge, N. Y., 18 Jan. 1821; married RUTH SCRIBNER, born in 1730, died in 1820.

Will of Ebenezer Seymour of Poundridge, N. Y., County of West Chester, dated 29 Apr. 1815, proved 17 Oct. 1821. To wife Ruth, improvement of the whole estate during life. To two daughters, Sarah and Ruth. To the sons of daughter Hannah, dec'd, the principal of the obligation due from Seymour Bouton to my heirs at my decease. To son Jesse, one-half of all estate both real and personal, to include farming tools, wearing apparel, saddle, and Bible. To daughters Sarah and Ruth (to be equally divided between them) the other half of estate, to include household furniture, their mother's wearing apparel, gold beads, and saddle. Son Jesse and son-in-law Enoch Hoyt to be executors.

Children, baptized at New Canaan, Conn.

i. JESSE[6], bapt. 30 June 1754; d. at Brewster, N. Y., in 1829; m. abt. 1773, MERCY FANCHER, b. abt. 1752, d. Apr. 1839. He was an Ensign in the Revolutionary War. Fifteen children.

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* Four children were by the second wife, the youngest born when the father was sixty-eight.

ii. SARAH, b. 13 Oct., bapt. 18 Nov. 1756; d. 16 May 1835; m. at Salem, N. Y., 22 Apr. 1777, PETER NEWMAN, who d. 23 Feb. 1812, aged 63, at Salem, N. Y. Will of Peter Newman of Salem, N. Y., dated 27 Sept. 1806, proved 22 Mar. 1813, named sons Ebenezer, Stephen, Peter, and Harvey, and daughters Sarah, alias Sally, and Mary.

iii. HANNAH, bapt. 21 May 1758; m. at Salem, N. Y., 6 Dec. 178!, JOSEPH[5] BOUTON, b. at South Salem, N. Y., Mar. 1755, s. of Ebenezer[4] (*Jakin*[3], *Joseph*[2], *John*[1]) and Abigail. He married second in New York City, widow Lockwood.

iv. RUTH, bapt. 24 Aug. 1760; m. at South Salem, N. Y., 11 Apr. 1782, ENOCH HOYT, who d. abt. 1844, at New York City. Will of Enoch Hoyt of New York, dated 15 June 1841, proved 18 June 1844, named wife Ruth and the children.

43. THOMAS[5] SEYMOUR (*Thomas*[4], *Matthew*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]) baptized 29 Aug. 1736; married at New Canaan, 24 Nov. 1761, SARAH[5] WESTCOTT, baptized at Wilton, Conn., 19 Dec. 1742, daughter of Nathaniel[4] (*John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]) and Sarah (Trowbridge). The family probably removed to Ballston, N. Y., and were living there in 1790.

Children, baptized at New Canaan, Conn.:

i. ABRAHAM[6], b. 10 Nov. 1762; d. 3 Sept. 1831; m. THIRZA[6] OLMSTEAD, b. 3 Apr. 1772, d. 3 May 1838, dau. of Daniel[5] (*Samuel*[4], *Daniel*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]) and Jemima (Smith). Ten children.

ii. SYBIL, bapt. 12 Aug. 1764; d. at New Canaan, 30 July 1789; m. at Norwalk, Conn., 17 Nov. 1788, ENOCH[6] ST. JOHN, b. 14 Oct. 1765, d. 23 Apr. 1846, s. of Matthias[5] (*Benjamin*[4], *Matthias*[3], *Matthias*[2], *Matthias*[1]) and Naomi (Weed). He m. (2) 19 Mar. 1790, Sally (Carter) Powers; (3) 20 Sept. 1808, Lydia Chapman; (4) 2 Dec. 1840, Maria Thompson. No issue.

iii. MARY, bapt. 5 Oct. 1766; d. young.

iv. SILAS, bapt. 19 Feb. 1769; d. young.

v. LYDIA, bapt. 7 Oct. 1770.

vi. SILAS, bapt. 2 Jan. 1774.

vii. MARY, bapt. 3 Dec. 1775.

44. EZRA[5] SEYMOUR (*Thomas*[4], *Matthew*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), of New Canaan, Conn., baptized at New Canaan, 19 June 1748, died at New Canaan in 1815; married first, at New Canaan, 23 Nov. 1769, ABIGAIL[5] WATERBURY, born at Stamford, Conn., 15 Apr. 1746, daughter of Nathaniel[4] (*John*[3], *Jonathan*[2], *John*[1]) and Rebecca (Holly); married second, SARAH (———) HANFORD.

Will of Ezra Seymour of New Canaan dated 30 Nov. 1815, proved 18 Dec. 1815. My wife Sarah and her daughter Sally Hanford have manufactured one carpet, also coverlid, which they are to have, also a quantity of yarn for one bed tick, and geese feathers now in my house, not used in the beds. To daughter Abigail Seymour; to children of my deceased daughter Levina Belden late wife of Azor Belden; to daughter Sybil wife of William Wheeler. My sons Ezra Seymour, Jr., and Henry Seymour, and daughters Hannah wife of Anthony Creal, Betty Comstock late wife of Nathan S. Comstock, but now deceased, Nancy wife of Matthew F. Gregory, and Rebecca wife of Frederick Ayres, have received their shares. To son Holly, the rest of estate.

Administration upon the estate of Abigail Seymour, late of New Canaan deceased, granted to Holly Seymour of New Canaan, 21 Dec. 1815.* Division of the estate of Abigail Seymour late wife of Ezra Seymour ordered 9 Feb. 1816. Each of the following received $125.30, viz.—Hannah wife of Anthony Creal, Ezra Seymour, Henry Seymour, heirs of Betty late wife of Nathan S. Comstock, Abigail Seymour, Rebecca wife of Frederick Ayres, heirs of Lavina late wife of Azor Belden, Holly Seymour and Sybil wife of William Wheeler. As the total amount was $1253, the record has omitted one heir, viz. —Nancy wife of Matthew F. Gregory; see Ezra's will above.

Ezra (son of Ezra and Abigail) "was a farmer, who beyond carrying his produce to market, seldom left home. He was once in Silvermine,† at a sister's funeral, but was never probably east of said locality, and he had been west as far as North Stamford and north as far as Ridgefield. He was unmarried, lived in primitive simplicity with his sister Abigail, and gave his goods to St. Mark's Church, New Canaan."

Will of Ezra Seymour of New Canaan, dated 26 Mar. 1839, proved 12 July 1841, bequeathed to sister Abigail Seymour use of house, etc., during her life, after which it is to go to the Protestant Episcopal Church; to said church rest of estate.

Children by first wife, recorded at Norwalk, Conn.:

i. HANNAH[6], b. 8 Apr. 1770; m. 10 Oct. 1793, ANTHONY CREAL.‡
ii. EZRA, b. 16 Dec. 1771; d. unm. 1841.

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* She probably died some time before this date.

† A locality in Norwalk.

‡ She had a son, Henry Seymour Creal, b. at Ballston, N. Y., 1799; it is said that her husband d. about 1812, and that she m. (2) ——— Hickson, and had a son Seymour Hickson, a physician in Rochester, N. Y.

iii. HENRY, b. 25 Dec. 1773; d. at Victor, N. Y., 15 Aug. 1836; m. 28 Nov. 1799, MARY[6] BENEDICT, b. at New Canaan abt. 1783, d. at New York City, 25 July 1836 [1852?], dau. of Caleb[5] (*Caleb*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Deborah (St. John). Seven children.

iv. BETTY, b. 25 May 1776; d. at New Canaan, 9 May 1812; m. 21 Oct. 1802, NATHAN SELLECK[6] COMSTOCK, b. 5 May 1779, d. 13 Feb. 1831, s. of Thomas[5] (*Abijah*[4], *Moses*[3], *Christopher*[2], *William*[1]) and Phebe (Selleck). He m. (2) Susanna Lockwood.

v. ABIGAIL, b. 23 Sept. 1778; living unm. 1839.

vi. NANCY, b. 10 Mar. 1781; m. at Norwalk, 23 Oct. 1800, MATTHEW FITCH GREGORY, b. 2 Aug. 1778, son of Elias and Elizabeth (Gregory). In 1818 they were living at Aurelius, Cayuga Co., N. Y.

vii. REBECCA, b. 24 Feb. 1783; m. FREDERICK AYRES, s. of Jonathan and Deborah (Scofield).

viii. LEVINA, b. 30 Apr. 1785; m. 23 June 1803, AZOR BELDEN.

ix. HOLLY, b. 22 May 1787; d. at New Canaan, Conn., 6 Dec. 1833; m. LUCRETIA HANFORD, b. 20 May 1790, d. 7 Aug. 1849. Five children.

x. SYBIL, b. 18 Nov. 1790; m. WILLIAM WHEELER. In 1818 they were living in Ballston, N. Y.

45. NATHANIEL[5] SEYMOUR (*Thomas*[4], *Matthew*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 28 Jan. 1757, baptized 10 Apr. 1757 at New Canaan, Conn., died at Greenfield, N. Y., 12 Sept. 1846; married first, at New Canaan, 15 Mar. 1784, MERCY[4] CARTER, born at Norwalk, Conn., 5 Oct. 1761, died 11 Jan. 1806, daughter of John[3] (*Ebenezer*[2], *Samuel*[1]) and Hannah (Benedict); married second, MARIAN DICKSON, who died 13 Feb. 1835, aged 75 yrs. 8 mos.

Nathaniel Seymour acted in capacity of private during War of Revolution in Capt. Daniel Benedict's Company, 9th Connecticut, and under Col. John Mead marched to New York 12 Aug. 1776. He was taken sick and was ill for a year. In the Summer of 1778, he enlisted in Capt. Reuben Scofield's Co., 9th Regiment, under Col. John Mead, and from then until the end of the war was called out from time to time guarding the coast and frontier. He was on duty during the New Haven alarm, 5 July 1779. He was placed on Pension Roll at Saratoga, N. Y., 7 Mar. 1833. Pension granted 4 Mar. 1831. Signed by Louis Cass, Sec. of War.

He moved from New Canaan, Conn., in 1787 to Greenfield, N. Y. In 1790 Nathaniel lived at Ballston, N. Y., with wife and two males

under sixteen years. He was living with Thomas Seymour in 1840, a pensioner, aged 83, in Greenfield, N. Y.

Children by first wife, last five baptized at Greenfield, N. Y.:

i. EBENEZER[6], b. 4 Feb. 1785; d. at Castile, N. Y., 5 Feb. 1853; m. at Greenfield, Saratoga Co., N. Y., BETSEY WILSON, b. in 1785, d. 19 July 1876. Ten children.
ii. THOMAS, b. at New Canaan, 20 Apr. 1788; d. at Greenfield, N. Y., 8 Sept. 1882; m. REBECCA MARIA WOOD, b. 11 Nov. 1790, d. 4 Mar. 1854. Three children.*
iii. WILLIAM, b. 24 Dec. 1790; d. 23 Dec. 1821; m. OLIVE KING. Two children (d. young).
iv. NATHANIEL, b. 14 Mar. 1793; d. 5 Mar. 1819 in 26th yr., unm.
v. JOHN CARTER, b. 6 Aug. 1795; d. 16 Aug. 1816 in 22d yr., unm.
vi. HANNAH, b. 2 Feb. 1797; m. EDWIN C. REED, of Greenfield, N. Y.
vii. POLLY, b. 22 July 1799; d. 6 June 1850; m. HARMON G. SWEENY, of Greenfield, N. Y.
viii. SAMUEL, b. 7 Apr. 1803; d. 21 Apr. 1803.

46. HEZEKIAH[5] SEYMOUR (*Thomas*[4], *Matthew*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), baptized at New Canaan, Conn., 22 Jan. 1764; married at Salem, N. Y., 27 Oct. 1791, GRACE HAYS. They removed to Greenfield, N. Y., about 1796 or 1797.

Children, baptized at Greenfield, N. Y.:

i. HEZEKIAH[6], bapt. 12 Mar. 1797; d. at East Enterprise, Ind., 28 Nov. 1858; m. 9 Dec. 1813, MARY BENNETT, b. abt. 1796, d. at East Enterprise, 12 Sept. 1841. Five children.
ii. BURR, bapt. 12 Mar. 1797.
iii. NANCY, bapt. 21 Sept. 1800.
iv. SALLY, bapt. 19 Mar. 1803 "(Sat. she being sick) she died."
v. SALLY, bapt. 17 Mar. 1805.
vi. CHARLOTTE, bapt. 31 May 1807.

47. STEPHEN[5] SEYMOUR (*Jehiel*[4], *Matthew*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), born probably at Norwalk, Conn., 22 June 1737, died in 1782; married at Huntington, L. I., 6 Apr. 1757, SUSANNA MOTT. According to Norwalk Deeds, Stephen Seymour was living in that town in 1762 and 1763. He took the oath of allegiance at New Marlboro, N. Y., 11 July 1775.

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* A daughter, Sophronia Wood Seymour (1816-living 1897), m. Alexander Hamilton Scott, and was mother of Thomas Seymour Scott (b. 30 Aug. 1839), secretary and treasurer of The Curtis Publishing Co., of Philadelphia.

The family of Susanna Seymour of New Marlboro, N. Y., in 1790 consisted of 2 males over 16, 2 under, and 2 females. They lived in that part of New Marlboro that was set off as the town of Plattekill in 1799. The children as here given, all appear in deeds as heirs of the property of Stephen[6] who died about 1819, which came to them "by descent or otherwise." In the absence of dates, it is possible that some of the supposed daughters were children of a deceased daughter of Stephen[5]. The list of sons is, however, probably correct.

William Seymour and Daniel Seymour, brothers of Stephen Seymour late of Plattekill dec'd, appointed administrators upon his estate, 12 Jan. 1819.

Children, order unknown, first baptized at Huntington, L. I.:

i. PEGGY[6] (MARGARET), bapt. 15 Oct. 1758; m. JAMES OWEN; res. Romulus, Seneca Co., N. Y., in 1822.
ii. JEHIEL, d. at Plattekill, N. Y., 22 Mar. 1825; m. SARAH ———. He served in the Revolutionary War. He was commissioned Ensign in the Ulster County Militia, 1795; Lieutenant, 1803; Captain, 1807; resigned, 1809. Two children.
iii. JOSEPH, d. in Washington Co., Va., before 25 Oct. 1822; m. SARAH BOYD; had children.
iv. JULIA ANN, m. WILLIAM GEROW.
v. JERUSHA, m. CALEB RUSSELL.
vi. SARAH, m. JACOB BUMP; res. Hector, N. Y., in 1823.
vii. WILLIAM, b. 11 Nov. 1773; d. 16 Mar. 1848; m. CHARLOTTE LOCKWOOD, b. 13 Aug. 1778, d. 1 Dec. 1862, dau. of Timothy and Susan. Eleven children.
viii. DANIEL, b. 28 Dec. 1775; d. at Plattekill, N. Y., 3 Mar. 1854; m. (1) ELIZABETH ———, b. 9 Mar. 1781, d. 15 Oct. 1836; m. (2) SUSAN ———. Eight children.
ix. SARAH, m. ISRAEL HAIT; res. Plattekill, N. Y., in 1821.
x. STEPHEN (under 16 in 1790), d. unm. 22 Jan. 1819.
xi. SUSANNA, m. SAMUEL NORTON; res. County of Cuyahoga, Ohio, in 1822.

48. DANIEL[5] SEYMOUR (*Jehiel*[4], *Matthew*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Huntington, L. I., 19 Feb. 1745/6, died before 7 Nov. 1785, when administration was granted upon his estate; married at Greens Farms Parish, Fairfield, Conn., 15 Jan. 1775, PHEBE[3] ALLEN, born at Fairfield, 5 Sept. 1755, died 10 Feb. 1817, daughter of John[2] (*Gideon*[1]) and Sarah (Bennett). She married second, before 18 Mar. 1793, ——— Dean.

"He was drowned in Huntington Harbor, L. I., by being caught in the coil paying out to the anchor of the bark which he was running from Norwalk to Huntington."

Administration upon the estate of Daniel Seymour, late of Norwalk deceased, granted to Ebenezer Philips, 7 Nov. 1785. Inventory of said estate taken 17 Nov. 1785 by Nathaniel Benedict and John Lockwood. Amount £111–3–3. Division of above estate, accepted by judge of probate 19 Mar. 1787, was made between widow Phebe, eldest son Jehiel, son Stephen, eldest daughter Phebe Seymour, Jr., second daughter Catherine Seymour, third daughter Esther Seymour, and fourth daughter Mary Seymour.

Children:

i. PHEBE[6], b. 6 Dec. 1775; m. at Ridgebury, Conn., 8 Nov. 1795, JOSEPH ALLEN of Fairfield.

ii. CATHERINE, b. 4 Oct. 1777; m. 15 Feb. 1796, HEZEKIAH RAYMOND of Danbury.

iii. ESTHER, b. 23 July 1779; d. at Redding, Conn., 16 Dec. 1839; m. at Ridgefield, Conn., 30 Mar. 1802, (DEACON) JOEL[7] FOSTER, b. 8 Nov. 1780 at Ridgefield, d. 3 Nov. 1854 at Redding, s. of Jonah[6] (*Timothy*[5], *Josiah*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Joseph*[2], *Christopher*[1]) and Hannah (Benedict).

iv. MARY, b. 3 June 1781; d. 2 Nov. 1819; m. 18 Nov. 1801, RAYMOND BENEDICT, b. 2 Apr. 1779, d. 21 May 1851, at Norwalk, Conn., s. of Nathaniel and Anna (Raymond). He m. (2) 24 Nov. 1822, Nancy Smith of Stamford, Conn.

v. JEHIEL, b. 3 May 1783; living at Ridgefield, 1806 and 1811; m. SALLY ROCKWELL.

vi. STEPHEN, b. 28 Feb. 1785; living at Norwalk in 1806 and Meriden in 1811; m. ELECTA FARRINGTON.

49. THOMAS[5] SEYMOUR (*Jehiel*[4], *Matthew*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), baptized at Huntington, L. I., 13 Apr. 1752, died at Scarsdale, Westchester Co., N. Y., 19 Feb. 1829, aged 77 years; married HANNAH MERRITT, born 1 July 1750, died at Scarsdale in 1835, aged 85 years.

Thomas Seymour and Reuben Wright, both of North Castle, N. Y., bought land and buildings in Cortland, N. Y., of Anthony Walters and wife Ruth of Cortland, N. Y., 1 May 1784.

He was a farmer and cattle dealer.

Will of Thomas Seymour of Scarsdale, N. Y., dated 22 Dec. 1828, proved 25 Mar. 1829, names wife Hannah, daughter Sarah, son Jesse Seymour, daughter Phebe Hynard wife of Samuel, son Wright Seymour $200, out of which sons Jesse and John shall be paid for

what they have advanced out of their own property for the support and maintenance of my said son Wright Seymour, son Daniel Seymour, son James Seymour, son John Seymour, six grandchildren under age, viz.—Thomas Seymour son of Wright, Jane Seymour daughter of Wright, Mary Seymour daughter of James, William Seymour son of Daniel, Emery Seymour son of Jesse, and Augustus Hynard son of Samuel Hynard. Son Daniel Seymour and friend John Fisher to be executors.

Children:

i. SARAH[6], b. 3 Sept. 1780; d. 26 Feb. 1829, ae. 48y. 5m. 23d. Will of Sarah Seymour of Scarsdale, N. Y., singlewoman, dated 22 Feb. 1829, proved 11 Mar. 1829. All her property to be collected, also legacies due me by the will of my late father Thomas Seymour dec'd. $800 is to be kept at interest which is to be paid to my mother Hannah Seymour during her life. After her decease $650 of above $800 shall be paid to my brother Jesse Seymour, the $150 remaining to be put at interest and paid to my sister Phebe Hynard wife of Samuel Hynard. At her decease $100 of above shall be paid to Susan Hynard daughter of said Phebe (she is under age), the other $50 to the other children of Phebe Hynard equally. To my niece Jane Seymour daughter of Wright Seymour, the amount of a note for $30 with interest, against my brother John Seymour (she is under age). To my sister Phebe Hynard wife of Samuel 1/3 of my linen. To Elizabeth Seymour wife of Jesse, same, to my niece Jane Seymour daughter of Wright, same. I give 1/3 of my clothing to my niece Jane Seymour above and rest to the daughters of my brothers James, Daniel, and John, and the daughter of my sister Phebe Hynard, equally. To Emons Seymour son of Jesse, my 1/2 dozen silver tea spoons. To Phebe Hynard, my china. Brothers John and Jesse, executors.

ii. WRIGHT, b. 2 June 1782; farmer and cattle dealer, of West Somers, N. Y.

iii. DANIEL, b. at Somers, Westchester Co., N. Y., 28 Mar. 1785; d. at Peekskill, N. Y., 25 Sept. 1865; m. at Somers, PHEBE HALLOCK, b. June 1793, d. at Peekskill, 27 May 1879. Five children.

iv. PHEBE, b. 1 Jan. 1789; m. SAMUEL HYNARD.

v. JAMES, b. 28 May 1791; d at Somers, N. Y., abt. 1854; m. at West Somers, N. Y., 24 Dec. 1818, ORPHA OSBORN, b. 16 Sept. 1798, living in 1855, dau. of Samuel. Eight children.

vi. JOHN W. (twin), b. 25 Sept. 1795; d. at South Norwalk, Conn., 14 Sept. 1860; m. at Norwalk or New York, 20 Nov. 1837, MARY E. SAUNDERS, b. 7 Nov. 1813, d. at South Norwalk, Conn., 20 June 1892. Four children.

vii. JESSE (twin), b. 25 Sept. 1795; went to California.

50. DANIEL[5] SEYMOUR (*Daniel*[4], *Matthew*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 26 Apr. 1754, died at Union, Broome Co., N. Y., 5 Jan. 1829; married PHEBE SANDERS, born at Norwalk, 22 Mar. 1756, died 8 Aug. 1831, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Cane).

In 1798 and in 1813 he was living at Union, Tioga Co. (later in Broome Co.), N. Y.

Children:

i. DANIEL[6] (twin), b. 10 Feb. 1776; d. Oct. 1780.
ii. ISAAC (twin), b. 10 Feb. 1776. He was commissioned Lieutenant in the Tioga County Militia, 1800; replaced 1803 because of removal.
iii. GOULD, b. 22 July 1778; d. 23 Feb. 1849; res. Bradford County, Pa., 1826-49; m. MARTHA HART.
iv. HOLMES, b. 6 Dec. 1780; d. Feb. 1781.
v. DANIEL, b. 15 Oct. 1783; d. 31 May 1846; m. MARTHA COBURN.
vi. JOHN, b. 4 Sept. 1785; d. 8 Aug. 1837; m. LYDIA HOWARD.
vii. DOCTOR B., b. 4 Feb. 1788(?); d. 5 July 1821. He was commissioned Ensign in the Broome County Militia, 1809.
viii. BETSEY, b. 3 Sept. 1793; d. 15 Apr. 1866; m. (1) THOMAS WATTLES; m. (2) JUDGE HALL.
ix. HANNAH, b. 15 Nov. 1795; d. in 1875; m. BUDD SCOVILLE.
x. ANN, b. 28 Sept. 1797; m. GEORGE BRADLEY.

51. JOHN[5] SEYMOUR (*John*[4], *John*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), born in 1734, died at Norwalk, Conn., 22 Nov. 1786 ae. 52 (gravestone); married REBECCA KEELER, who was living at Norwalk in 1790.

Administration upon the estate of John Seymour 2nd, late of Norwalk deceased, was granted to Samuel Seymour, 3 Dec. 1785. Inventory taken by John Lockwood and James Seymour. Amount, £369–18–0.

Division of the estate of John Seymour, Jr., late of Norwalk deceased, was made 4 July 1788 between the widow, eldest son Jonathan, son Samuel, son John, and daughters Ruth Sammons wife of Augustine Sammons, Rebecca Seymour, Sally Seymour, Betsey Seymour and Patty Seymour.

Children:

i. JONATHAN[6], b. 11 July 1755; m. at Norwalk, HANNAH BETTS, b. 25 Nov. 1769. Four or more children.
ii. SAMUEL, b. 20 Oct. 1758; m. LYDIA HANFORD. Several children.
iii. RUTH, b. 16 Oct. 1760; d. at Norwalk, a widow, 22 Sept. 1838, ae. 78 (gravestone); m. AUGUSTUS SAMMIS of Lloyd's Neck, Queen's Co., L. I. Their son John Seymour[7] Sammis, married his cousin, Nancy Williams[7] Seymour; they were grandparents of Hon. Daniel Sammis[9] Sanford, see below.

iv. REBECCA, b. 22 Feb. 1763; was living in Norwalk, unm. 1811.

v. SARAH, b. 1 Mar. 1765; d. at Lanesborough, Mass., 10 Nov. 1834; m. EBENEZER SQUIRE, b. 22 July 1769, d. at Lanesborough, Mass., 9 June 1857.

vi. JOHN, b. 23 May 1767; d. at Whitney Point, N. Y., 15 June 1856; m. 31 Dec. 1793, SARAH[6] STODDARD, b. at Stockbridge, Mass., 14 Nov. 1776, d. 23 Nov. 1868, dau. of Orange[5] (*James*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Experience (Nash). He enlisted Apr. 1781, in Capt. Uriah Raymond's Co. of State Troops, Col. Stephen St. John's Regt., and served one year at Norwalk; and reenlisted in 1782, and served another year under the same officers. Eight children. See below.

vii. BETTY, b. 18 Oct. 1770; m. (1) 1 Dec. 1798, at Norwalk, WILLIAM ASPINWALL CANNON, b. at Norwalk, 23 Feb. 1767, s. of John and Esther (Perry); no children; m. (2) GERSHOM BRADLEY, and had one daughter.

viii. MARTHA (PATTY), b. 11 Feb. 1774; d. at Smithboro, Tioga County, N. Y., 15 Oct. 1852; m. 1 Jan. 1797, BRIANT[6] STODDARD, b. at Stockbridge, Mass., 14 Sept. 1774, d. at Asylum, Bradford Co., Pa., 19 May 1861, s. of Orange[5] (*James*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Experience (Nash).

The Whitney Point branch of the Seymour family has produced several men of distinction, and we interrupt the genealogical sequence to insert a few memorabilia.

JOHN[6] SEYMOUR (1767-1856) had, among others, a son, GEORGE WHITFIELD[7] SEYMOUR, born at Lisle, N. Y., 12 Apr. 1812, died about 1888, who married 6 June 1838, Mary Freeman, born 10 May 1817, died about 1894, daughter of Stephen and Clarissa (Thompson). They had, as surviving children, two daughters, Stella[8] (born 26 Feb. 1843, died 18 Apr. 1929), a pianist of distinction, of Scranton, Pa., and Mary Louise (Mrs. W. O. Newcomb), and three sons, sketches of whom follow.

HON. JOHN SAMMIS[8] SEYMOUR, born at Whitney Point, Broome Co., N. Y., 28 Sept. 1848, died 16 June 1931, married Clara E. Olmstead, born 28 Feb. 1858, died 11 Oct. 1912. He was educated at Whitney Point Academy and at Yale University, from which he received the degrees of B.A. (1875) and LL.B. (1878). He was admitted to the Bar and began practice in New York City, becoming senior member of the firm of Seymour, Seymour & Harmon, making a specialty of corporation and patent law. His residence was in Norwalk, Conn., and he served in the Connecticut Senate in the

dead-lock sessions of 1891-93. He was appointed Commissioner of Insurance of Conn., 1893; and was U. S. Commissioner of Patents, 1893-97. He was a member of the Board of Estimate and Taxation in Norwalk, and after 1897 resumed the practice of law in New York City, with the firm of Seymour, Seymour & Megrath. Two children survived:

i. HAROLD FREEMAN[9], b. 12 Mar. 1884; m. HELEN P. SULLIVAN, and had children:
   I. Elizabeth Sullivan[10], b. 25 Oct. 1907; m. Dudley C. Lewis.
   II. Richard, b. 24 Nov. 1911.

ii. MARY, b. 28 July 1888; res. (1936) Cleveland, Ohio; m. (1) CHESTER M. KERR, b. 5 Feb. 1886, from whom she was divorced; m. (2) MARSHALL CURTIS BROWN, who d. 19 Apr. 1928; m. (3) CHARLES S. BROOKS, b. 25 June 1878, d. 29 June 1934. Two children (Kerr).

FREDERICK[8] SEYMOUR, brother of the above, born at Whitney Point, 2 Aug. 1856, died 29 May 1925, married Julia C. Dikeman. He was graduated from Yale College in 1881, attended Columbia Law School, and was admitted to the New York Bar in 1882. He settled in East Orange, N. J., and was a member of his brother's law firm. His children were Helen[9] (wife of her first cousin, Clive Newcomb), Margaret (Mrs. Ripley Nelson), and Frederick Dikeman.

LOUIS IRVING[8] SEYMOUR, youngest of the brothers, had a colorful career. He was born at Whitney Point, N. Y., 23 Dec. 1860, and died at Zand River, Orange River Colony, South Africa, 14 June 1900; married 30 June 1886, Kate Perry of Whitney Point. No children.

Mr. Seymour was educated in his native village, and being mechanically inclined, at the age of seventeen entered the machine shops of John Cotter at Norwalk, Conn. After working there three years, he went up for examinations at Annapolis, but after passing it was found that he was a few weeks too old, so he had to abandon the hope of a career in the U. S. Navy. After working for the Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company from 1881 to 1884, he accepted at the age of twenty-four an engagement offered by the Dickson Manufacturing Company to erect a mill engine for El Callao Gold Mining Company in Venezuela. After finishing the erection, he was retained as the chief mechanical engineer of the company.

Early in 1886 he returned to the United States, and a few months later married his boyhood sweetheart. At this time he held positions with the Washington Cotton Mills of Lawrence, Mass., and with the Plymouth Cordage Company of Plymouth, Mass. While working with the latter he became more widely known, and in Feb. 1890 he was engaged to proceed to Kimberly in South Africa, where he took up the work of chief mechanical engineer for the De Beers Consolidated Mines.

In July 1893, he became managing director of Fraser and Chalmers, Erith, England, at the same time retaining the position of consulting engineer to the De Beers Consolidated Mines. In 1896 he returned to Africa, and in that connection the following story is told. It is said that a group of English capitalists invited Seymour to dinner, after which his host asked him whether he could be induced to return to South Africa. "I could be," said Seymour, "but it would cost money." "How much?" inquired his host. "Fifty thousand dollars a year," was Seymour's prompt rejoinder.

His terms were accepted, and he took up his residence in Johannesburg, holding the position of mechanical engineer to Messrs. H. Eckstein and Company and the Rand Mines, Limited. At the outbreak of the Boer War, he organized the Railway Pioneer Regiment and was made its Major, the highest rank that could be held by any but a British subject. While building a bridge at the Zand River, his regiment was attacked, and he was shot and instantly killed.

When Sir Alfred Moseley, who had made a fortune in the Kimberly diamond mines, about 1903 brought a group of English educators to this country to inspect American schools, he stated at a banquet given him in Boston that his admiration for American technical education dated from his observation of the prodigious feats of two young American engineers, one of whom was Louis Seymour. Oddly enough, Seymour had not enjoyed the advantages of technical education, but was an engineer by native endowment, an aptitude which amounted to genius.

He was said to be brilliant as an organizer. As an administrator and executive head, he commanded the unlimited confidence of all. He was a man of vivid personality, of enormous virility and vitality, with a magnificent physique; generous, kindly though masterful, honest and straight. He remained an American citizen and, though living much away from his native country, was always loyal, while strongly supporting the movement for understanding between the

United States and Great Britain. After his death a committee was formed of his associates, including such men as John Hayes Hammond and Gardiner Williams, with Sir Alfred Milner as honorary president, to raise a Seymour Memorial Fund, with which was founded the "Seymour Technical Library" at Johannesburg.

Hon. Daniel Sammis[9] Sanford, through his mother Helen E.[8] Sammis, was doubly a Seymour descendant of this branch, his grandparents being John Seymour[7] Sammis and Nancy Williams[7] Seymour. Born at Redding, Conn., 10 Apr. 1859, he was educated at Yale College (B.A., 1882, M.A., 1885), and in the Harvard Graduate School, where he took courses in education in 1891-92. He was principal of the Oil City (Pa.) High School, 1882-83, mathematics master at St. John's School, Ossining, N. Y., 1883-84, principal of High and Centre Schools, Stamford, Conn., 1884-91, and head master of the Brookline (Mass.) High School, 1891-1905. In 1898 and 1899 he studied and observed school methods in France and Germany. He became known as an educator, and contributed articles on the subject to various periodicals. In 1905 he founded the Sanford School at Redding Ridge on the site of the Redding Institute which his father founded in 1847. He later became Clerk of the School Fund Office, Treasury Department, State of Connecticut, a post for which his knowledge and ability admirably fitted him. He was a close personal friend of the author for upward of half a century.

52. Lieut. William[5] Seymour (*John*[4], *John*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]) of Norwalk, Conn., born 10 Oct. 1735, died 1 May 1821; married at Norwalk, 6 Jan. 1757, Lydia[5] St. John, born 8 Sept. 1737, died at Vergennes, Vt., 21 June 1829, daughter of Moses[4] (*James*[3], *Matthias*[2], *Matthias*[1]) and Mercy (Olmstead).

He was, in 1775, Lieutenant in the 5th Connecticut Regiment, served in the New York campaign. His wife was active as a nurse.

Administration upon the estate of William Seymour, late of Norwalk deceased, granted to James Seymour of Norwalk, 8 Jan. 1822. Inventory taken 4 Jan. 1822, presented by James Seymour, the administrator, 16 Jan. 1822. Estate was insolvent.

Children:

i. Polly[6], b. 1 Jan. 1758; m. (Lieut.) Finch Gildersleeve, s. of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Huntington).

ii. WILLIAM, b. 18 Mar. 1760; d. 24 Sept. 1845; Revolutionary pensioner, living at New Haven, Vt., in 1840, aged 76; m. at Lanesborough, Mass., 9 Oct. 1781, SUSAN RUBLEE, b. 11 May 1763, d. 17 Dec. 1848. Ten children. William had long service in the Revolution, in 1775, 1776, 1777, 1778, and 1780; was engaged in the battle of Trenton, and wounded in the battle of Bennington.

iii. LYDIA, b. 27 Feb. 1763; d. 25 Sept. 1837; m. at Norwalk, 25 Dec. 1786, JOSEPH FERRIS, b. at Peekskill, N. Y., 15 Nov. 1757, d. there 23 Nov. 1841, s. of Jonathan and Rachel (Dean). Removed to Nova Scotia, then to Peekskill, N. Y.

iv. JOSIAH, b. 28 May 1766, d. 30 Jan. 1815; m. at Poole, Eng., 30 Jan. 1798, ——— ———. Administration upon the estate of Josiah Seymour late of Norwalk deceased granted to James Seymour of Norwalk, 29 Jan. 1822. Inventory presented 1 Feb. 1822, consisting of one half the homestead lately occupied by William Seymour deceased, and one fourth of nine* undivided acres of land. He was a sea captain, and with a son aged twelve was drowned at Mogadon, Africa. He seems to have made his home in England.

v. MARCIA, b. 28 Feb. 1769; d. 6 Dec. 1821; according to a deed, m. ——— PRICE.

vi. BELDEN, b. 14 Nov. 1771; d. at Vergennes, Vt., 12 Oct. 1841; m. 28 Jan. 1798, ABIGAIL BEERS, b. at Newtown, Conn., 22 May 1776, d. 2 Apr. 1876. Seven children.

vii. BENJAMIN, b. 28 May 1774; was living at Vergennes, Vt., in 1797; d. at Augusta, Ga., 18 Sept. 1821; m. at Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 30 May 1801, ELIZABETH SANFORD, b. 23 Jan. 1782, d. at Middlebury, Vt., 9 Mar. 1836. Nine children.

WILLIAM[6] SEYMOUR (1760-1845) had five sons and five daughters, who all married. The eldest son, William Ira[7], born in Lanesboro, Mass., lived half a century in Burlington, Vt., and his son, Charles[8] (born 1821), was publisher and editor of the LaCrosse (Wis.) *Republican*, Postmaster of that city for twelve years, president of the oldest printers' association in America, and for many years Consul at Canton, China.

Henry[7] Seymour (1787-1865), second son of William[6], settled in St. Albans, Vt., married Eliza Fuller, and was father of Henry Edmund[8] (b. 1816), B.A. (Univ. of Vermont, 1835), a lawyer, Court Auditor of Franklin County, Vt., who married Susan Katherine Hubbell.

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* See his grandfather's will [No. 19].

JULIUS HUBBELL[9] SEYMOUR, son of Henry Edmund[8], born at St. Albans, Vt., 30 Oct. 1855, educated at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.; (B.A. Williams College, 1879); LL.B. *cum laude* (Columbia College Law School); became a lawyer in New York City. He was governor and consul of the Camp Fire Club of America; member of the N. Y. Legislature, 1901 and 1902 from the 19th Assembly District, N. Y. City; and belonged to the 7th Regt., N. Y. City. He was a Trustee of Hahnemann Hospital, president of the West Side Republican Club, and a member of Union League Club, Alpha Delta Phi, and St. Maurice Fish and Game Club (Quebec, Canada).

EDMUND[9] SEYMOUR, another son of Henry Edmund[8], born at St. Albans, Vt., 3 Oct. 1858; educated at St. Albans Academy and Phillips Academy; B.A. (Williams College, 1882); was captain of the football team and president of the Athletic Association at Williams. He was engaged in the cattle business eight years, and became a banker and broker at Tacoma, Wash., firm of Seymour, Barto & Co., 1889, Seymour Bros. & Co., 1893, afterwards Edmund Seymour & Co., New York City, dealing chiefly in municipal and corporation bonds. He was vice-president and director of Orleans County Quarry Co.; director of Ellensburgh Water Supply Co., of Nebraska Land & Feeding Co., of Washington State Land Co., and of other corporations. He was a member of the board of governors, American Bison Society, vice-president and governor of Lake Champlain Association, and Trustee of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, Williams College. He was treasurer and on the board of governors of the Camp Fire Club of America, and a member of the University Club (N. Y. City) and St. Maurice Fish and Game Club (Wayagomac, Canada). He lived in Pelham Manor, N. Y., and had a summer home, "Bord-de-l'eau," Chazy, N. Y.

53. SETH[5] SEYMOUR (*John*[4], *John*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]) of Norwalk, Conn., died before 16 June 1777, when the inventory of his estate was exhibited; married ANNA[5] BENEDICT, born at Norwalk in 1740, died before 26 Mar. 1794, when the children joined in a deed disposing of the widow's thirds, daughter of Nathaniel[4] (*John*[3], *John*[2], *Thomas*[1]).

Inventory of the estate of Capt. Seth Seymour, late of Norwalk, taken by Samuel Gruman and John Lockwood and exhibited at court 16 June 1777. Amount, £332–8–8.

Children:

i. SETH[6], b. abt. 1762; d. at Norwalk, Conn., 11 May 1849; m. (1) 3 Apr. 1789, POLLY[5] READ, b. 1768, d. at Norwalk, 18 Nov. 1823, dau. of Matthew[4] (*William*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Elizabeth (Kellogg); m. (2) at Norwalk, 11 May 1829, SARAH (BOUTON) RAYMOND, b. at Norwalk, 7 June 1781, d. at New Rochelle, N. Y., 4 Feb. 1871, widow of Nehemiah Raymond, dau. of William and Sarah (Benedict) Bouton. Four children. He enlisted in 1779 in Capt. Uriah Raymond's Co. at Norwalk, and served guarding the coast until the end of the Revolutionary War.

ii. JOHN, living 1794 at Lanesborough, Mass.; m. at Lanesborough, 25 Mar. 1790, MARY SQUIER.*

iii. NATHANIEL, b. 1767; d. at Stockbridge, Mass., 31 Aug. 1863, ae. 96 y. 3 m. 27 d.; m. at Stockbridge, 14 June 1795, ANNA[6] WILLARD, b. at Stockbridge, 24 Sept. 1772, d. there 11 July 1842, dau. of Benjamin[5] (*John*[4], *Simon*[3], *Josiah*[2], *Simon*[1]) and Naomi (Hale). Three children.

iv. LEVI, of Lanesborough, Mass.; m. SARAH BRISTOL WRIGHT, b. 16 Nov. 1781, d. at Lanesborough, 14 Apr. 1861.

v. ANNA, b. 12 Jan. 1772; d. (survived her husband); m. at Norwalk, 20 Feb. 1793, LEWIS MALLORY, b. 1 Oct. 1768, d. at Norwalk, 21 July 1848.

vi. ALMIRA (or ALMY), d. at Norwalk, 23 Aug. 1863; m. at Norwalk, 24 Sept. 1794, ISAAC[6] BOUTON, b. at Norwalk, 20 Nov. 1771, d. there 21 July 1854, s. of William[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Jachin*[3], *Joseph*[2], *John*[1]) and Sarah (Benedict).

54. DAVID[5] SEYMOUR (*John*[4], *John*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Norwalk, Conn., 24 Dec. 1744, died probably at Lisle, N. Y., in 1808; married at Richmond, Mass., 10 Sept. 1773 [*sic*], LUCY[5] ALVORD, born at Middletown, Conn., 27 May 1750, d. 16 June 1789, daughter of Thomas[4] (*Thomas*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Alexander*[1]) and Submit (Bishop); married second, MARY HOYT, and was living at Norwalk in 1792.

They lived at Richmond, Mass. A David of Norwalk had in his family, 1790, 1 male over 16, 1 under, and 2 females. He resided in the State of New York (no town stated) in 1796.

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* A John Seymour m. at Orwell, Rutland Co., Vt., 4 Aug. 1796, Lydia Cutting; he was called into service in Sept. 1812, at Warren, Genesee Co., N. Y., and d. in service 24 Nov. 1812, on the Niagara Frontier. Lydia m. (2) Hezekiah Scovill, and was living 1855, ae. 75, at Amherst, Erie Co., N. Y.

Children:

i. SALLY[6], b. at Norwalk, 29 Sept. 1771; d. at Whitney Point, N. Y., 26 July 1840; m. 15 Dec. 1798, EDWARD JOHNSON, b. at Stockbridge, Mass., 14 July 1775, d. at Whitney Point, 13 Oct. 1851, s. of Edward and Abigail (Stoddard).

ii. DAVID, b. 7 Sept. 1774; d. at Lisle, N. Y., 6 Dec. 1856; m. (1) at Lisle, 1 Jan 1812, SALLY HUBBARD, b. at Lanesboro, 31 Jan. 1781, d. 8 Nov. 1816, dau. of Zadoc and Sally (Lobdell) (Sprague); m. (2) 23 Dec. 1818, ALMA (BELDEN) HUBBARD, b. at Lenox, Mass., 7 or 8 Jan. 1777, d. at Whitney Point, 8 Jan. 1828, dau. of Oliver and Abigail; m. (3) at Spencertown, N. Y., CYNTHIA HOLDRIDGE, b. 17 Jan. 1777, d. at Whitney Point, 15 Apr. 1838. He volunteered at Lisle, N. Y., Sept. 1812, and served as Captain in the 17th Regt., N. Y. Detached Militia, to Oct. 1812. Five children.

iii. IRA, b. 18 Mar. 1776; d. at Whitney Point, N. Y., 29 Sept. 1866; m. at Lisle, N. Y., 14 Nov. 1797, RUTH PATTERSON, b. at Lenox, Mass., 6 Aug. 1774, d. at Whitney Point, 10 Feb. 1842, dau. of Maj.-Gen. John and Elizabeth (Lee); m. (2) at Binghamton, N. Y., 26 Dec. 1842, LORETTA (SCOFIELD) PROVOST, b. at Norwalk, Conn., 30 Jan. 1795, d. at Binghamton, N. Y., 22 Feb. 1867, widow of Thomas Provost, dau. of Sylvanus and Sarah (Thomson). Nine children.

55. IRA[5] SEYMOUR (*John*[4], *John*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Norwalk, Conn., 31 Aug. 1748, died 4 Oct. 1837 aged 89; married first, 14 Nov. 1772, RUTH[4] SMITH, born 1742, died at Stockbridge, Mass., 26 Aug. 1792 aged 50 (in 50th year by gravestone), daughter of Dr. Elisha[3] (*Simon*[2], *Joseph*[1]) and Ruth (Seymour); married second, 24 Dec. 1795, JERUSHA[5] PARSONS, born 1 May 1766, died 7 Jan. 1861 aged 96, daughter of Elihu[4] (*Ebenezer*[3], *Joseph*[2], *Joseph*[1]) and Sarah (Edwards), and granddaughter of Rev. Jonathan Edwards, the noted theologian.

He resided in Stockbridge, Mass, and Victor, N. Y.

Children by first wife:

i. RUTH[6], b. 10 Aug. 1773; d. 15 Jan. 1775.

ii. RUTH, b. 17 Jan. 1775; d. 9 June 1797, ae. 22; m. 2 Apr. 1797, JOSIAH DWIGHT.

iii. CYNTHIA, b. 17 Oct. 1776; d. 3 Nov. 1863; m. 24 Dec. 1797, ANDREW C. COLTON, of Batavia, N. Y.

iv. IRA, b. 25 Dec. 1778; d. 14 Feb. 1861; res. Victor, N. Y., and Webster, Mich.; m. 25 Dec. 1800, BETSEY MOREHOUSE. Six children.

v. JOSEPH WILLARD, b. 29 Mar. 1781; d. at Hudson, Wis., 25 Jan. 1867; m. (1) at Perry, N. Y., 24 Aug. 1816, DORCAS TAYLOR,

b. abt. 1798, d. 30 Apr. 1822; m. (2) at Victor, N. Y., 8 Oct. 1822, SOPHIA (SIBLEY) HALL, who d. at Rochester, N. Y., 4 Feb. 1841. Five children.

vi. SOPHIA, b. 27 Mar. 1784; d. 22 July 1867; res. Ohio; m. PETER HOLLOWAY.

vii. CHARLES, b. 15 June 1786; d. 30 Nov. 1865; res. Farmington, Mich.; m. HANNAH POOLE.

Children by second wife:

viii. FREDERICK AUGUSTUS, b. 23 Feb. 1797; d. at Newton, Iowa, 14 Mar. 1875; m. (1) 9 May 1820, CONTENT GARRISON MOREHOUSE, b. at Newark, N. J., 19 Feb. 1801, d. 25 Sept. 1841, dau. of Pierson and Electa (Conger); m. (2) MARY GEDDES. Four children.

ix. BELDEN, b. 22 Mar. 1799; d. 22 Jan. 1858; m. 29 May 1832, MARTHA B. TITUS, b. at Ballston, N. Y., 1 Sept. 1811, dau. of Samuel and Charlotte (Briggs). One child.

x. CHESTER, b. 23 Apr. 1801; res. N. Y. City; d. 28 June 1882; m. CORA ELVIRA LUCE. No children.

xi. PIERPONT, b. 28 Feb. 1803; d. 21 Dec. 1881; m. 26 Nov. 1826, EUNICE GILLIS, b. at Argyle, N. Y., 7 Mar. 1807, dau. of Robert and Esther (Baker). Five children.

xii. MARY EDWARDS, b. 26 Aug. 1805; d. 8 Nov. 1889; res. Ann Arbor, Mich.; m. (1) SAMUEL CHADWICK; m. (2) REV. CHARLES CLARK. No children, "but filled the place of mother to those of her first husband, six in number, with all the kindness, faithfulness and love of a Christian. In early life she made a profession of religion, and was a constant attendant upon the services of the sanctuary, endeavoring to carry out in her daily life the principles she loved. A number of young men whom she helped to a University education rise up and call her blessed."

56. JAMES[5] SEYMOUR (*John*[4], *John*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Norwalk, Conn., 26 May 1752, died there 11 Dec. 1834 ae. 82 (gravestone); married at Norwalk, 13 Feb. 1774, REBECCA[5] KEELER, born 24 Nov. 1752, died at Norwalk, 23 Oct. 1840 ae. 88, daughter of Matthew[4] (*Samuel*[3], *Samuel*[2], *Ralph*[1]) and Sarah (Grumman).

James served as Quartermaster Sergeant in the Revolutionary War. He enlisted in July 1776, and received his warrant as Quartermaster of Col. John Mead's Regt., 20 Aug. 1776. He served until the Spring of 1779. From Mar. 1779 he served a year in Capt. Ozias Marvin's Co. of coast guards, seeing action when Fairfield and Norwalk were burned. He then served three years, 1780-83, in Capt. Raymond's Co. of coast guards.

Will of James Seymour of Norwalk, dated 31 Mar. 1831, proved 19 Dec. 1834, named wife Rebecca, sister-in-law Abigail Olmstead who is to have a room in my house and a seat in my pew, sons James Seymour, Jr., and John Seymour who are to be executors, daughters Hannah wife of Andrew Hanford, Rebecca wife of Joseph Lockwood, Ruth wife of Asa Benedict, Polly wife of William Weeks, and the heirs of daughter Lucretia Brooks deceased.

Children:

i. JAMES[6], b. 16 Mar. 1775; d. at Norwalk, Conn., 17 Apr. 1853; m. at Wilton, Conn., 3 Feb. 1799, SARAH RAYMOND, b. at Norwalk, 27 July 1778, d. at Brooklyn, N. Y., on a visit, 11 Apr. 1866, dau. of Seth and Elizabeth (Squire). Eight children.
ii. HANNAH, b. 27 Feb. 1777; d. 27 Nov. 1778.
iii. HANNAH, b. 11 Apr. 1779; m. 8 Jan. 1799, ANDREW HANFORD.
iv. REBECCA, b. 7 June 1781; m. at Norwalk, 5 Oct. 1800, JOSEPH[5] LOCKWOOD, b. at Norwalk, 2 Oct. 1778, s. of Joseph[4] and Isabel (Hyatt).
v. LUCRETIA, b. 29 Jan. 1784; m. 17 July 1804, GEORGE BROOKS.
vi. RUTH, b. 2 Apr. 1787; m. (1) at Norwalk, 14 July 1807, CHARLES HANFORD, s. of John and Mehitabel (Comstock); m. (2) ASA BENEDICT.
vii. SAMUEL, b. 30 July 1789; "killed by Indians."
viii. POLLY, b. 31 Dec. 1792; m. WILLIAM WEEKS.
ix. JOHN, b. 24 Feb. 1796; d. at Norwalk, Sept. 1873; m. at Norwalk, Nov. 1820, SALLY SMITH, b. 19 July 1802, d. at Norwalk, Aug. 1886, dau. of Hutton. Seven children.

57. ELISHA[5] SEYMOUR (*John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 25 Mar. 1722, died at West Hartford, 19 June 1790 aged 68; married at West Hartford, 5 July 1743, ABIGAIL SEDGWICK, born at Hartford, 2 Dec. 1722, died 20 Feb. 1814, daughter of Ebenezer[4] (*Samuel*[3], *William*[2], *Robert*[1]) and Prudence (Merrill).

Will of Elisha Seymour of Hartford, dated 27 Apr. 1790, proved 18 Aug. 1790, named wife Abigail, sons Enos, Eli, Levi and Ebenezer (£5), two daughters Abigail Kellogg and Prudence "Chadduck," and grandson Elisha, who received £2 for his name. Inventory of above estate taken 17 Oct. 1790.

Children, born at West Hartford, Conn.:

104. i. ELISHA[6], bapt. 27 Jan. 1744.
ii. ABIGAIL, bapt. 19 Jan. 1746; d. 18 Dec. 1812; m. at West Hartford, 11 June 1765, ENOS[4] KELLOGG, a Revolutionary soldier, b. 24 Dec.

1742, d. at Batavia, N. Y., 13 Dec. 1803, s. of Silas[3] (*Stephen*[2], *Joseph*[1]) and Ruth (Root). They resided at Suffield, Conn., Hubbardston, Vt., Batavia, N. Y. Twelve children.

iii. THANKFUL, bapt. 17 Jan. 1748; d. before her father; published at West Hartford, 29 Apr. 1770, to ELDAD HOSMER.

105. iv. ENOS, bapt. 18 Feb. 1750.

v. PRUDENCE, bapt. 1 Mar. 1752; m. at West Hartford, 15 Mar. 1773, JOHN CHADWICK of Tyringham, Mass., b. at Tyringham, Mass., 2 May 1751, probably s. of John and Abigail.

106. vi. EBENEZER, b. [say 1755].

vii. CYNTHIA, bapt. 9 Apr. 1758; d. 13 Apr. 1758.

viii. ABNER, bapt. 19 Aug. 1759; d. 5 Sept. 1759.

ix. INFANT, bapt. 10 Nov. 1760; d. 10 Nov. 1760.

107. x. ELI, b. 1 Nov. 1761; bapt. 3 Jan. 1762.

108. xi. LEVI, bapt. 8 Mar. 1764.

58. CAPT. ISAAC[5] SEYMOUR (*John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 10 Oct. 1723, died there 14 Jan. 1755; married between 2 Jan. and 7 Oct. 1746, AGNES[4] (HUMPHREY) NICHOLS, baptized at Hartford, 17 Feb. 1711/12, buried there 29 Dec. 1793 ae. 82, daughter of Nathaniel[3] (*John*[2], *Michael*[1]) and Agnes (Spencer). She married first, in 1732, her cousin Cyprian Nichols, baptized 14 Feb. 1706, died in 1745, son of Captain Cyprian and Mary (Spencer) of Hartford, Conn.

Administration upon the estate of Isaac Seymour late of Hartford was granted to his widow Agnes, 4 Feb. 1755. Amount of Inventory, £399–18–6. The estate was insolvent.

Children:

109. i. ISAAC[6], b. abt. 1747.

ii. LYDIA, was living, unm., at Hartford in 1771.

59. CAPT. JOHN[5] SEYMOUR (*John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 24 Nov. 1726, died at West Hartford, Conn., 5 Feb. (2 Feb. by gravestone) 1809 aged 82; married at West Hartford, 19 June 1749, LYDIA[4] WADSWORTH, born at Hartford, 1 Feb. 1731/2, died at West Hartford, 16 Mar. 1817 aged 87, daughter of Jonathan[3] (*Joseph*[2], *William*[1]) and Abigail (Flagg).

John Seymour fought in the Indian war in 1746, and in 1756 was drafted to march against the Indians and French. He was appointed 2d Lieut. of Lt.-Col. Payson's Co., 1st Regt., in 1758. He served also in the Revolution, as Lieut. of Capt. Noah Webster's Co.,

Sept. 1777. "He was a brave soldier and officer, and the sword he wore when a captain is in the Historical Society collection at Hartford."

Children:

i. JOHN[6], b. 29 Oct. 1749; d. at sea *23 Feb. 1773 ae. 25, unm. Administration upon the estate of John Seymour, Jr., late of Hartford granted to James Seymour of Hartford, 28 Apr. 1773.

110. ii. JAMES, b. 12 May 1751.

111. iii. ROGER, b. 23 July 1753.

iv. ALEXANDER, b. 30 Sept. 1755; d. at sea in the naval service, Dec. 1777, being shot on board Captain Pond's ship.†

112. v. ASA, b. 16 Sept. 1757.

vi. ANNE, b. 16 Aug. 1759; d. 31 Oct. 1825;* m. ELISHA FOX, of Enfield, Conn., and Lee, Mass.

vii. LUCRETIA, b. 10 Sept. 1761; d. 8 Aug. 1813 ae. 52, unm. (7 Aug. ae. 51 by gravestone).

113. viii. NATHANIEL, b. 23 Aug. 1763.

ix. LUCINA, b. 19 Aug. 1765; d. at Hartford, 16 Nov. 1802 ae. 37; m. BENJAMIN WOOD, b. at Norwich, Conn., 24 Jan. 1763, d. at Cincinnati, Ohio, 1 July 1834, s. of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Dodge). He m. (2) 24 Jan. 1804, Fanny Loomis, b. 9 July 1780, d. 22 Aug. 1849.

x. LYDIA, b. 3 Sept. 1767; d. 23 Feb. 1806; m. (published 17 Nov. 1788), JEHIEL MEACHAM of Hartford, b. in 1763, d. 20 May 1840. Seven children. They were emigrating to Granville, Ohio, but she was taken sick on the journey, and died in Canandaigua, N. Y.

xi. SYLVIA (twin), b. 24 Dec. 1770; d. in Illinois; m. (published 17 Jan. 1796) at West Hartford, ERASTUS CADWELL, bapt. at West Hartford, 2 June 1771, s. of Joseph.

xii. CYNTHIA (twin), b. 24 Dec. 1770; d. at Granger, Medina Co., Ohio; m. (1) JOHN HALMS of Lee, Mass.; m. (2) THOMAS HATCH of Lee, Mass., and Ohio.‡

114. xiii. JOHN, b. 29 Jan. 1774.

60. WILLIAM[5] SEYMOUR (*John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 18 Aug. 1728, died at New Hartford, Conn., 18 May 1782; married at New Hartford, 27 Dec. 1753, MEHITABEL

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* Asa Seymour's Copy Book.

† Doubtless the Captain Charles Pond (1744-1832), of Milford, Conn., who ferried Captain Nathan Hale and his friend, Sergeant Stephen Hempstead, across the Sound from Norwalk to Huntington, Long Island, where Hale entered the enemy's lines, never to return, in September, 1776.—*G. D. S.*

‡ In 1849, Cynthia Gilbert, aged 78, of Hartford, testified regarding Revolutionary service of James Seymour (No. 110); she was married in 1796. Although the age corresponds, she does not appear to be identical with Cynthia Seymour.

MERRILL, born at New Hartford, 25 May 1734, died at Stillwater, N. Y., 29 June 1810, daughter of Noah and Esther.

His wife's father, Noah Merrill, was the first man appointed Town Clerk of New Hartford, though he never acted in that capacity, having died in 1739 before he took the oath of office—the first death among the pioneers of the town. William Seymour was a farmer, and appears to have led an uneventful life.

Administration upon the estate of William Seymour late of New Hartford granted to Mehitable Seymour and Noah Seymour, both of New Hartford, 9 June 1783. Inventory taken 7 Jan. 1783. Amount, £243–15–0.

[His widow Mehitable Merrill, and her family, moved after his death in 1782 to New York State and settled near Stillwater. She is buried in the "Yellow Meetinghouse Cemetery" there. Just when this exodus from New Hartford to Stillwater took place is not known to the writer, but I am led to believe the removal took place about 1785. Probably these Seymours were in the vanguard of that large group of Connecticut men and women who moved from their rocky farms in the Connecticut hills to the far more fertile lands in "York State," where the name "Seymour" is legion: so many, alas, that all who bore it cannot be recorded in this book.—*G. D. S.*]

Children:

115. i. WILLIAM[6], b. 15 Nov. 1754.
ii. MEHITABEL, b. 18 Oct. 1756; d. 25 Oct. 1756.
iii. MEHITABEL, b. 3 Nov. 1757; d. in 1827; m. (1) at New Hartford, 16 Aug. 1778, NATHAN MUNRO of Canaan, who d. at Huntington, Pa., 14 June 1795 or 17 May 1796; m. (2) THOMAS DODSON; m. (3) AMARIAH WATSON, b. 7 Feb. 1751, d. at Huntington, Pa., in 1837, s. of Zachariah and Hannah. Five surviving children by first husband; ten other children d. in infancy.
116. iv. NOAH, b. 10 Nov. 1759.
v. ESTHER, b. 4 Apr. 1762; d. 18 Feb. 1774.
117. vi. JESSE, b. 4 Dec. 1763.
vii. LUCINA, b. 12 Nov. 1767; d. at Albany, N. Y., 11 July 1842; m. in 1787 at Stillwater, N. Y., ISAAC[6] DICKINSON, b. at Stillwater, 22 July 1768, d. 5 Aug. 1860 at Stillwater, s. of Daniel[5] (*Thomas*[4], *Thomas*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Nathaniel*[1]) and Mary (Palmer). Ten children.
viii. LYDIA, b. 1 Mar. 1770; m. STEPHEN RICHARDS.
118. ix. JOEL, b. 28 June 1772.
x. ESTHER, b. 4 Sept. 1774; d. 4 Jan. 1787 ae. 12.
119. xi. SILAS, b. 7 May 1777.

xii. RHODA, b. 14 Apr. 1780; m. at Stillwater, N. Y., 9 Nov. 1803, JEREMIAH RUNDELL, b. in New York, 15 May 1783; no issue. On 30 Jan. 1803, Rhoda Seymour of Stillwater, N. Y., sold her share of her father's property.

61. CAPT. URIAH[5] SEYMOUR (*John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 1 Sept. 1733, recorded at New Hartford, Conn., died at New Hartford, 25 June 1800, buried in the Colonial Cemetery, Derby, Conn.; married first, at New Hartford, about 1756, ELIZABETH ANDRUS, who died before 1760; married second, at Hartford, 20 Jan. 1760, MARY HOPKINS, who died at New Hartford, 2 Nov. 1811 aged 78, quite probably widow of Aaron[5] Hopkins. [*Hopkins Genealogy*, p. 42.]

He was one of the first settlers of New Hartford, and a prominent citizen. He and his wife owned the Covenant at the church there, 16 May 1756. He was appointed Surveyor of Lands in the County of Litchfield, in 1765. He was commissioned Lieutenant of the Troop of Horse in the 15th Regt., Oct. 1773, and Lieutenant of the Troop in the 18th Regt., Oct. 1774. He marched from New Hartford, as Lieutenant in Capt. Seth Smith's Co., in response to the Lexington Alarm, and commanded a company in Major Sheldon's Regt. of Light Horse, 1776. He also turned out with his company to repel Tryon's raid on Danbury, in April 1777. He was appointed, 7 Nov. 1782, member of a Committee to report on the best place for a road and bridge over Mad River, Winchester. He and Uriah, Jr., were original proprietors of Grand Isle (North and South Hero), Vt., 27 Oct. 1779.

Inventory of the estate of Uriah Seymour, late of New Hartford, who died 25 June 1800, taken 15 Sept. 1800 and presented at court 16 Sept. 1800; amount, $1274.90. Chauncey Seymour, administrator of the estate of Uriah Seymour, presented the account 13 Dec. 1808. Estate ordered to be divided among the children equally, viz.—Uriah Seymour, Polly Hopkins, Chauncey Seymour, Sylvester Seymour, Constantine Seymour, Abner Seymour, and Elizabeth Merrells. Uriah's widow was Mary Seymour.

Children by first wife:

i. URIAH[6], bapt. 22 Mar. 1757; m. at New Hartford, 20 Nov. 1777, DORCAS ENSIGN. They were living in New Hartford, 1787; in Whitestown, N. Y., 1790, 1794, and 1816. She was admitted to the Presbyterian Church in Whitestown, 27 Oct. 1791. Descendants not traced; see below.

Children by second wife:

ii. MARY, bapt. 16 Nov. 1760; d. at Holland Patent, N. Y., 10 Feb. 1837; m. at West Hartford, 4 Oct. 1781, RHODERICK[6] HOPKINS, b. at West Hartford, 5 Apr. 1756, d. at Holland Patent, 3 Nov. 1841, s. of Consider[5] (*Consider*[4], *John*[3], *Stephen*[2], *John*[1]) and Lydia (Gilbert).

120. iii. CHAUNCEY, b. 14 Dec. 1762.

121. iv. SYLVESTER, bapt. 17 Mar. 1765.

122. v. CONSTANTINE, bapt. 22 Feb. 1767.

vi. ELIZABETH, bapt. 9 Apr. 1769; d. 20 Jan. 1774.

123. vii. ABNER, b. 1 May 1771.

viii. ELIZABETH, b. 28 Oct. 1775; d. 13 Oct. 1855; m. 20 Sept. 1795, CAPT. ISAAC MERRILL, of New Hartford, b. at Canton Center, Conn., 3 Nov. 1768, d. there 18 Mar. 1849, s. of William and Sarah (Kellogg). Seven children.

ix. IRA, bapt. 17 May 1778; d. before his father.

URIAH[6] SEYMOUR, baptized 22 Mar. 1757, served in Capt. James Judson's Co. of Light Horse, under Lieut.-Col. Thomas Seymour, in the summer of 1776. He was listed in the Census of 1790 as "Seamore" in Whitestown, N. Y., with a family of two males over 16 years, one male under 16 and two females. His family has not been traced, but attention is called to the family of Lyman Seymour of Pompey, Onondaga Co., N. Y., and Sodus, Wayne Co., N. Y. The wife of Uriah[6] was Dorcas Ensign, and Lyman had a son Uriah and a daughter Dorcas. It is believed that Lyman and his two known brothers may have been sons of Uriah[6]. These brothers were:

i. LYMAN[7], removed in Mar. 1807 from Pompey to Williamson, Wayne Co., thence in 1810 to Sodus, where he d. 7 Aug. 1824; m. HANNAH WILBER, who d. 13 Feb. 1848, having m. (2) Samuel Brewster. Children:

I. Uriah[8], b. at Pompey, 22 Mar. 1802; d. at Sodus, 23 Sept. 1881; m. 21 Apr. 1825, Sally M. Johnson, b. at Sodus, 26 Oct. 1806, dau. of Echibard and Polly (Farnam). Children:

(1) Hulda A.[9], b. 23 Apr. 1826; d. 15 July 1826.

(2) William H., b. 28 June 1827; m. 8 Nov. 1860, Hannah Sedore; res. Manhattan, Kans.

(3) Lovine J., b. 2 Dec. 1829; d. 31 July 1847.

(4) Hannah M., b. 9 Nov. 1832; d. 28 Jan. 1877; m. 20 Nov. 1856, William C. Sergeant, of Valparaiso, Ind.

(5) Joseph J., b. 14 May 1835; m. 31 Dec. 1857, Catherine M. Silvernail; res. Sodus, N. Y.

(6) Charles H., b. 24 Mar. 1838; d. at Little Rock, Ark., 1 June 1865.
(7) Lyman W., b. 7 Aug. 1841; d. at Sodus, 24 Dec. 1869.
(8) Emma S., b. 19 Aug. 1844; d. at Sodus, 20 July 1876; m. 20 Oct. 1870, Henry Dodd.

II. Joseph, d. at Sodus, unm.
III. Abigail, m. Oliver Jenks; res. Mich.
IV. Jemima, m. Harmon Gurnee, of Sodus.
V. Dorcas, m. Pollas Lillie.
VI. Hiram, m. Susan Sumner.
VII. Lyman, m. Mary Gilbert.
VIII. Delia, d. at Sodus, unm.
IX. Oren, m. Maria Fellows.
X. Amarilla, m.
XI. Lucy, m. Joseph Grace.

ii. EBENEZER, m. JEMIMA WILBER; settled in Sodus, N. Y., and later removed to the West. Children (order of birth not known):

I. Valda[8].
II. Orson, b. 1801, d. 1875; m.
III. Lucinda.
IV. Jeanette.
V. Sidney, d. 1895.
VI. Delmar.
VII. Harland.
VIII. Mary Ann.
IX. Clarissa.
X. Morris.
XI. Orlando.

iii. ASA, m. late in life a widow Phillips, and soon died.

62. ELIAS[5] SEYMOUR (*John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 23 Aug. 1738, recorded at New Hartford, Conn. Resided at New Hartford, Conn., and Whitestown, N. Y. He was married to TRYPHENA[5] HURLBUT, born 24 Dec. 1745 (sister of Asenath who married Elijah Seymour), daughter of Josiah[4] (*Jonathan*[3], *Samuel*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Susannah (Lee).

Children, born at New Hartford, Conn.:*

i. ASENATH HURLBUT[6], b. 5 Apr. 1768; m. 17 Feb. 1791, CONSTANTINE SEYMOUR.
124. ii. JOSIAH, b. 11 Oct. 1769.
iii. ELIAS, b. 6 Nov. 1771; a wagon-maker, of New Hartford, N. Y.
iv. PHILOMELA, b. 27 July 1774.
v. TRYPHENA, b. 13 Apr. 1777; res. unm. (1834), Utica, N. Y.

* Two daughters bapt. 1 Oct. 1789, probably Almira and Amanda.

vi. CHLOE, b. 27 May 1782; d. in 1876; m. in 1803, CALVIN[6] BICKNELL, b. 25 May 1779, s. of Moses[5] (*James*[4], *Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]). Nine children.
vii. ALMIRA, b. ———; res. unm. (1834), Utica, N. Y.
viii. AMANDA, m. ——— WINSTON.
ix. HORACE, bapt. 2 Feb. 1790.

63. HEZEKIAH[5] SEYMOUR (*John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 1 July 1740, recorded at New Hartford, Conn., died 28 Aug. 1815; married at New Hartford, 11 Sept. 1766, RUTH[5] KELLOGG, born at Enfield, Conn., 13 Feb. 1748, died at Westmoreland, N. Y., 28 Dec. 1818, daughter of Samuel[4] (*Isaac*[3], *Samuel*[2], *Joseph*[1]) and Mary (Steele).

He served in his brother, Capt. Uriah Seymour's Company of Light Horse in 1776.

Children:

i. RUTH[6], b. 2 July 1767; d. at Havana, N. Y., 20 June 1860, ae. 94; m. at New Hartford, 18 Oct. 1785, DAVID CHAPIN, b. at New Hartford, 1 Aug. 1762, d. at Catherine, N. Y., 4 Jan. 1858, ae. 95, s. of David and Martha. They lived together 74 years. He was a Revolutionary soldier. Eight children.
ii. MARY (MOLLIE), b. 3, bapt. 12 Mar. 1769; d. at Trenton, N. Y., 9 Aug. 1829; m. at New Hartford, 12 Feb. 1789, NATHAN GURNEY, who d. at Rock Island, Ill., about 1862. Eight children.
iii. HANNAH, b. 17 June 1771; d. 21 July 1771.
iv. HEZEKIAH, b. 28 Apr. 1772; d. 14 May 1798.
125. v. LEVERETT, b. 17 Oct. 1774.
vi. HANNAH, b. 5 Feb. 1777; d. 20 Sept. 1844; m. ———; res. in Skaneateles, N. Y.
vii. SARAH, b. 6 June 1779; d. 10 Sept. 1851; m. ELIAS MERRELL, b. at Utica, N. Y.
126. viii. BRADFORD STEELE, b. 14 July 1781.
127. ix. ASAPH, b. 23 Feb. 1783.
128. x. ISAAC, b. 11 Aug. 1788.

64. ELIJAH[5] SEYMOUR (*John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 6 Aug. 1744, recorded at New Hartford, Conn., died at Skaneateles, N. Y., 22 July 1806; married first, Jan. 1767, ASENATH[5] HURLBUT, born 19 July 1742, died 1768, daughter of Josiah and Susanna (Lee) Hurlbut, and sister of Tryphena[5] Hurlbut who married Elias Seymour; married second, 1 Mar. 1770, ABIGAIL[5] CHAPIN, born 19 Jan. 1749/50, daughter of David[4] (*Ebenezer*[3], *Japhet*[2], *Samuel*[1]) and Martha (Allen); married third, at New Hartford, 3 July 1777,

MARY[5] MARSH, born at New Hartford, 22 July 1754, died at Skaneateles, N. Y., 19 June 1839, daughter of Jonathan[4] (*Jonathan*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Theodocia (Kellogg).

He was an officer in the Light Dragoons in Revolutionary War. Removed in 1791 from New Hartford, Conn., to New Hartford, N. Y., thence to Marcellus, N. Y., thence to Skaneateles, N. Y. He was a saddler by trade, supplied soldiers with saddles and holsters, took his pay in Continental money, and of course lost it all.

Child by second wife, born at New Hartford, Conn.:

129a. i. NATHANIEL[6], b. 21 Mar. 1777.

Children by third wife, born at New Hartford, Conn. (except the youngest, at New Hartford, N. Y.):

ii. POLLY, b. 23 Sept. 1778; d. at Batavia, N. Y., 15 Apr. 1848; m. 23 Sept. 1799, JOHN W. SQUYER, M.D. Seven children.

iii. ELIJAH, b. 4 Nov. 1779; d. at Skaneateles, N. Y., 12 Aug. 1806; m. MARY ANN PARKER. No issue survived.

iv. ABIGAIL, b. 23 June 1783; d. at Skaneateles, N. Y., 10 Apr. 1841; m. 13 June 1805, SOLOMON[6] EDWARDS, b. at Westhampton, Mass., 2 May 1779, d. 5 Mar. 1863, s. of Solomon[5] (*Ebenezer*[4], *Nathaniel*[3], *Nathaniel*[2], *Alexander*[1]) and Catherine (Clark). Six children.

v. CATHERINE, b. 13 Apr. 1785; d. at Skaneateles, N. Y., 22 Sept. 1865; m. REV. TURNER MINER, a Baptist minister of Auburn, N. Y., who d. Aug. 1830.

vi. LAURA, b. 20 May 1787; d. at Hannibal, N. Y., 20 May 1862; m. 13 Jan. 1807, DR. PHILETUS SPRAGUE. Eight children.

vii. ORLANDO, b. 26 Apr. 1789; d. 20 Apr. 1882; res. St. Louis, Mo.; served in the War of 1812; an Elder in the Presbyterian church; m. (1) MAHALAH PARKER; m. (2) MARY PADOCK; m. (3) CLARACY SMITH. Child by first wife (two other sons and two daus. d. young):

I. Manville[7], b. 5 Mar. 1815; lumberman, res. (1883) St. Louis; Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian church; twice married.

Children by second wife (five daus.).

129b. viii. MILES, b. 4 Feb. 1793.

65. DAVID[5] SEYMOUR (*John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 7 Aug. 1748, recorded at New Hartford, Conn.; married at New Hartford, 29 Aug. 1772, MARTHA[5] CHAPIN, born at New Hartford, 19 Aug. 1753, daughter of David[4] (*Ebenezer*[3], *Japhet*[2], *Samuel*[1]) and Martha (Allen).

They lived in 1796 at Paris, N. Y.

Children, baptized at New Hartford, Conn.:

i. MARTHA[6], bapt. 26 Oct. 1777.
ii. SABRA, bapt. 26 Oct. 1777; d. young.
iii. DAVID, bapt. 7 Aug. 1779.
iv. SABRA, bapt. 8 July 1781.
Perhaps others.

66. CAPT. TIMOTHY[5] SEYMOUR (*Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 1 Feb. 1728, died at West Hartford, 21 Dec. 1782 ae. 55; married at West Hartford, 1 Dec. 1748, LYDIA[4] KELLOGG, born 22 July 1729, died at Litchfield, Conn., 6 Nov. 1810, daughter of Lieut. Jacob[3] (*Samuel*[2], *Joseph*[1]) and Mary (Sedgwick). She married second, Matthew[3] Clark, born 19 Dec. 1719, died 1 Nov. 1792, son of Matthew[2] (*John*[1]) and Ruth (Judd) Clark; married third, Sept. 1803, Capt. Archibald McNeil, son of Capt. Archibald and Sarah McNeil of Litchfield, Conn.

He was appointed 1st Lieut. of the 2d Co., Col. Whiting's Regt., raised for the French and Indian War in Mar. 1756, also in Gen. Phineas Lyman's Regt. in 1760. He was made Lieut. of the 4th Co. in the town of Hartford, May 1760, and its Captain, May 1761.

Administration upon the estate of Capt. Timothy Seymour, late of Hartford, was granted to George Kellogg and Lydia Seymour, widow of the dec'd, 18 May 1784. The estate was insolvent. Inventory of above estate taken 27 May 1784.

Children, baptized at West Hartford, Conn.:

130. i. TIMOTHY[6], bapt. 7 May 1749.
ii. NANCY, b. 16 Feb. 1751; d. at West Hartford, 28 Jan. (27 Jan. by gravestone) 1792 ae. 41; m. in 1771, RICHARD[4] GOODMAN, b. 14 Apr. 1748 at West Hartford, d. there 8 Apr. 1834 aged 86 (g. s.), s. of Timothy[3] (*Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]) and Joanna (Wadsworth). Thirteen children.
131. iii. NORMAN, b. 3 Dec. 1752.
iv. RODERICK, bapt. 3 Nov. 1754; d. young.
v. AMY, b. 15, bapt. 17 Oct. 1756; d. at West Hartford, 7 Oct. 1814 aged 58; m. (pub. 21 Oct. 1780) at West Hartford, MOSES[4] GOODMAN, b. at West Hartford, 20 June 1750, d. there 19 Aug. (17 Aug. by gravestone) 1831 aged 81, s. of Timothy[3] (*Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]) and Joanna (Wadsworth). He was an efficient farmer, and a Revolutionary soldier. Twelve children.
vi. RODERICK, bapt. 6 Aug. 1758; d. 6 July 1825 ae. 68, unm. He was in Col. Newberry's Regt. in the Continental Army in 1776, and

probably served at other times during the war. He was a hatter in West Hartford; during the latter part of his life he lived with his aunt Mrs. Charles Seymour, and after her death, with her daughter, Mrs. Mills.

132. vii. TRUMAN, b. 4, bapt. 9 Nov. 1760.

67. ALLYN[5] SEYMOUR (*Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 30 Apr. 1729, died at West Hartford, 9 Mar. 1760 in 31st year (gravestone); married at West Hartford, 27 Feb. 1752, ELIZABETH SMITH, born at West Hartford, 2 Feb. 1730, died there 1 Jan. 1781, daughter of Nathaniel Smith. She married second, 23 Nov. 1763, Ebenezer Wells, born 22 July 1732, died 11 Jan. 1814, son of Ebenezer and Rachel (Skinner) Wells.

Elizabeth Seymour widow of Allyn Seymour late of Hartford deceased appointed administratrix of his estate 21 April 1760, and guardian of Allyn Seymour a minor of about 3 (*sic*) years and Rachel Seymour a minor of about 6 (*sic*) years, children of said deceased, 1 July 1760. Lieut. Timothy Seymour of Hartford was her bondsman. Inventory of above estate taken 25 June 1760. Amount £886–4–6. Allin Seymour, son of Allin Seymour late of Hartford deceased, chose Charles Seymour of Hartford to be his guardian, 18 Mar. 1772.

Children, born at West Hartford, Conn.:

i. ALLYN[6], b. 8 July 1753; d. 14 Mar. 1754.

ii. RACHEL, b. 10 Jan. 1755; d. at West Hartford, 10 June 1839 (15 July, Ch. Rec.) ae. 85 (g. s.); m. 1 July 1778 at West Hartford, EBENEZER[6] STEELE, bapt. at West Hartford, 5 Aug. 1753, d. there 8 Nov. 1805 ae. 52 (g. s.), s. of John[5] (*Ebenezer*[4], *John*[3], *James*[2], *George*[1]) and Christian (Flower). Eight children.

133. iii. ALLYN, b. 12 July 1757.

68. CAPT. CHARLES[5] SEYMOUR (*Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), baptized at West Hartford, Conn., 29 Jan. 1738, died there 16 May (14 May, gravestone) 1802; married at West Hartford, 3 Dec. 1767, LUCY[5] WHITMAN, born at West Hartford, 10 Jan. 1745, died there 4 May 1810 (gravestone), daughter of Deacon John[4] (*Samuel*[3], *Zachariah*[2], *John*[1]) and Abigail (Pantry).

He was commissioned Lieutenant of the Fourth Hartford Company in May, 1776. His regiment was in the rear-guard in the retreat after the battle of Long Island. Letters written to his wife from the Army are of great interest, and are printed below. He commanded

his company, though with the rank of Lieutenant, both in 1776 and in 1777.

New York August 20 1776.

I take this opportunity to Write a few Lines to you hoping this will find you and Little Girls well as they Leave me at Present through the goodnes of God in whome we hope to Trust. We arrived at York Sunday morning at 7 o clock, Having a wett Passage. Att the Time we arrived there began a Firing att the Ships that were a going out of the North River. Which Lasted about half an hour there was No man killed upon our Side, two men wounded Not Dangrusly. The whole Company are all well att present and in high Sperits Expecting the Enemy Every day it is Suposed the Forren Troops are all Arrived. Give my Compliments to Mrs. Hooker, I must beg her Pardon for Not writing to Her. I am in Grate hurry, a Providing for the Company. So I remain your Loving Husband till Death. Plese to write to me Every opportunity.

Charles Seymour

N.B. Give my Complyments to all Friends. you may Direct your Leters to me att New York in Major Nuberry's Ridgiment in Little Dock Street.

New York August 31 1776

Dear madam I take this oportunity to Right to you hoping these Will Find you well and our Little Girls as they Leve me att Present through the Goodness of God hoping it Be Continued to us all. there is ten in my Company that are not Fit for Duty None of them So but that they Can Walk a Bout. Some of them very much Scart to here the cannon Rore which are every Day. our army has had a very Bluddy Battle on Long Iland they Lost a Grat many on Both Sides the Number is Not known our people were obliged to Leve the Iland in the Night which Took us all Night to Fetch them over I Believe there was more than Twenty-Thousand of them Lieut. Gillet and Joseph muggd are Killed or Taken which are all that Belong to our Place that we Know of. they Left the Iland Last thursday Night we Lie upon our Arms Day and Night Expecting to meat our ennemy Every hour. our people Have Left the Governer's Iland. Some of the Ships are within 2 miles of this Sitty. they Have Broke one man's Leg this Day not Twenty Rods from our Lodging. we have meat and Bread a Nuff but No sace but what Costs very Dear. it is unsertin How Long the militia will be Kept Here. I Recived your Letter which I was very Glad to See, and have from you. Tell Sister Hooker that I am much obliged to her for her Letter, her Brothers are Both well, I Belive. So I Remain your Loveing Husband

Charles Seymour.

P. S. Plese to write as often as you Can. give my Regards to Rachel and Brothers and Sisters. Paper is very pore & Scarce.

New York September 8 1776.

Dear and Beloved wife after my Kind Regards to you and our Little Girls I take this opportunity to write a few Lines to Let you Know that I am in Good Helth hoping they will find you and ours So. I have no News but Camp

News it is the General Talk that there was Fifteen hundred of our men Killed and Taken upon Long Iland and Eighteen Hundred of the Innemy Shared the Same Fate. we are Moved out of the Citty about 3 miles; we Lay upon the Ground Four Nights, whear we shall be Next I Cannot Tel. there has bin a heavy Fiering this Day att hel Gate, and it is thought the ennemy are Trying to Cross there. I cannot Tell when we Shall be relessed. I Cannot Direct anything about the bisness att home. I would have you Do the best you Can. Be Please to write to me as often as you Can there is a bout half our men not Fit for Duty; Ensign Kellogg is not very well. Give my Compliments to all Inquiering Friends. Tell Sister Hooker that I saw one of her Brothers and he told me the other was well. So I Remain your well wisher and Beloved Husband untill Deth

Charles Seymour

September 9 1776. I Received your Letter this Day which I was very glad to See and here the Contents. Your Cheess was well accepted, it is Sold hear for 1/4 a Pound. my helth is yet Continued, Which God be thanked therefor hoping It Still may be Continued to us all. there is no News. the cannon Roar all a Round us which Scares many.

N.B. these from your Loving Husband Till Death there is Some Sick Some Scart some a coming home.

Charles Seymour

Westchester September 20 1776 2 mile above Kings Bridge.

Dear Madam after my Regards to you & our Little Girls, I would Inform you that I Have bin very week for a few days but am Some better hoping through Divine Providence I may Recover Strength Again. hoping these Lines will Find you & our Little Girls and all Frinds well. as for News we Have a grate deal of it that a'nt Trew. the Enemy Landed a Sunday morning under the reach of their Cannon about 3 miles above New York, our pepille killed about a thousand of them and they Killed but a few of our men, they took 3 Cor[p]ral Selah hart was one; our peple got every thing out of the Citty. I can not Send you a List for I Don't know but the Creters are dead I hope we shall be Relefed within a few Days. feed the west moing first then the back mowing with Wells, It is one third his then Jones' Lott.

So I Remain your Loveing Husband Till Death

Charles Seymour.

N.B. Give my Regards to all inquiring friends, Rachel, Sister Hooker and all the Rest. alleyn is very well. I ha'nt heard from Rhodrick Since the fight, he was a munge the thickest of it their Rugment

Piekskil April 22 1777

Dear Madam After my Kind Regards to you and our Family I would in Form you that I am in Good Helth through the Goodness of God. Hoping these will find you So and our Children and Friends. we Have Had a very wet Time to march in, I was obliged to put my Horse in the wagon att waterbury and march a foot. Plese to Send my frock if you Have a proper opertunity. we Have but Little News; there was two Tories Shot hear yesterday that

went to the Enemy, and was taken by our men. there was Three of our Scouts Taken Last night by Tories, one of them Got away very much wounded. I Have Sent my Horse Home by Capt. Bidwell. Plese to write to me as often as you Have oportunitys. So I Remain your Loving Husband Till Death

Charles Seymour

In a letter written many years ago to the author of this book, Miss Talcott wrote that her great-grandfather, Capt. Charles Seymour, had in his possession a drawing of the Seymour wings, and that other members of his family had copies of the same in embroidery,—all derived, probably, from the use by the First Mayor's father, and by the First Mayor, of arms charged with the wings of the Seymours of Penhow. A miniature on ivory, painted about the time of his marriage, is reproduced herein.

Will of Capt. Charles Seymour of Hartford, dated 6 Jan. 1802, proved 10 June 1802, bequeathed to wife Lucy, to son Charles, to two daughters Lucy Whitman and Ruth Benjamin, to two daughters Sally Seymour and Laury Seymour who are both unmarried. Inventory of above estate taken 8 Sept. 1802. Distribution made 17 Mar. 1803.

Charles Seymour of Hartford was appointed administrator of the estate of Lucy Seymour late of Hartford deceased, 2 Aug. 1810. Inventory of her estate taken 15 Nov. 1810. Amount, $1523.41.

Children, born at West Hartford, Conn.:

i. LUCY[6], b. 23 Dec. 1768; bapt. 25 Dec. 1768; d. 1 Feb. 1853; m. 26 June 1796, her cousin, JOHN PANTRY[6] WHITMAN, b. at West Hartford, 26 Nov. 1770, d. at Williamstown, Mass., 18 Mar. 1834, s. of John[5] (*John*[4], *Samuel*[3], *Zachariah*[2], *John*[1]) and Anna (Skinner). Two children; see below.

ii. RUTH, b. 3 June 1770; d. at Williamstown, Mass., 14 Nov. 1857; m. at West Hartford 1 Jan. 1791, NATHAN BENJAMAN, b. at Egremont, Mass., 7 Mar. 1769, d. at Catskill, N. Y., 3 Apr. 1813, a paper manufacturer at Catskill, N. Y. Seven children.

134. iii. CHARLES, b. 17 Jan. 1777.

iv. SARAH, b. 27 July 1779; d. 19 Sept. 1862; m. at West Hartford, 28 Sept. 1807, JEDEDIAH WELLS MILLS, b. at Newington, Conn., 2 Jan. 1782, d. 2 Aug. 1859, s. of Deacon Jedediah and Sarah (Andrews). Five children.

v. LAURA, b. 4 Feb. 1786; bapt. 20 Mar. 1786; d. at Williamstown, Mass., 3 Oct. 1857; m. at Pownal, Vt., 4 Nov. 1811, her cousin, DR. TIMOTHY[6] WHITMAN, b. at West Hartford, 13 Apr. 1768, d. at Williamstown, Mass., 30 May 1830, s. of John[5] (*John*[4], *Samuel*[3], *Zachariah*[2], *John*[1]) and Anna (Skinner). One child.

CHARLES SEYMOUR[9] WHITMAN (1868-), son of Rev. John Seymour[8] and Lillie (Arne), grandson of Seymour[7] and Maria (Bulkley), was a great-grandson of Lucy[6] (Seymour) Whitman above. He was born in Hanover, Conn., 28 Aug. 1868, and was graduated from Amherst (A.B., 1890), and from New York University (LL.B., 1894). He has received also several honorary degrees, M.A. in 1904 from Williams, and LL.D. from New York and Amherst in 1913, from Williams in 1914, and from Hamilton in 1918.

After practicing law a few years, he became Assistant Corporation Counsel, New York (1901-1903), a member and later president of the Board of City Managers (1904-1907), Judge of the Court of General Sessions, New York, 1907, by appointment of Governor Hughes, and District Attorney of New York County (1910-1914). He was elected Governor of New York, running on the Republican ticket, and served two terms, from 1 Jan. 1915 to 31 Dec. 1918.

Thereafter he resumed the practice of law in New York City, and served as Commissioner of Port Authority of New York. He was president of the American Bar Association, 1926-7; and is member of the State Bar Association, the Bar Association of the City of New York, Alpha Delta Phi, Society of the Cincinnati, Sons of the Revolution, Society of Colonial Wars, St. Nicholas Society, and New England Society. Clubs: University, Metropolitan, Century, Down Town Association, Union League, Piping Rock. He is a Presbyterian, and a Mason.

He married, 22 Dec. 1908, Olive Hitchcock, who died 29 May 1926.

At a dinner of the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati in New York, at which Governor Whitman of New York was one of the after-dinner speakers, when the author was introduced to him the Governor spoke up and said, "I am myself twice a Seymour." The author with equal promptness replied, "I congratulate you, Governor Whitman, on being twice a Seymour."

69. CAPT. DANIEL[5] SEYMOUR (*Daniel*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 19 July 1730, died there 7 Nov. 1815 aged 85; married in 1750, LYDIA KING, born in 1735, died 1 Apr. 1827, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Barnard).

He was eighteen at marriage, and his bride fifteen. They moved into a house on the corner of what is now Washington Street and

Retreat Avenue, and lived there until they died. The house was afterwards sold to the Retreat for the Insane. Daniel was appointed Captain of the Alarm List in Hartford, in the 1st Regt., Feb. 1778.

Will of Daniel Seymour, Sr., of Hartford, dated 12 May 1813, proved 28 Nov. 1815, bequeathed estate to my wife; to two daughters, Lydia and Elizabeth, who are unmarried; to two daughters, Mary wife of Samuel Webster, and Sally wife of John Robbins; to daughter Tabitha wife of Samuel Camp; to grandson Chester Seymour, son of my son Asa deceased (he is under age); to two sons Daniel and Jonathan. Witnessed by Thomas Seymour and Michael Seymour. The amount of the inventory was $2231.25.

Will of Lydia Seymour of Hartford dated 2 July 1828, proved 1 Aug. 1828. My father Daniel Seymour gave my sister Elizabeth Barnard* more than to the others. Estate to be divided among my three sisters Elizabeth Barnard, Sally Robbins and Tabitha Camp. My brother-in-law Samuel Camp to be executor.

Children, born at Hartford:

i. MABEL[6], b. 21 Apr. 1751; d. at Hartford, 18 Feb. 1795 aged 44; m. 31 Dec. 1772, MOSES[4] SMITH, b. 21 Dec. 1747, d. at Aurora, N. Y., 27 Feb. 1827, s. of Dr. Elisha[3] (*Simon*[2], *Joseph*[1]) and Ruth (Seymour). Ten children.

ii. MARY, b. 15, bapt. 19 May 1754; d. at Schaghticoke, N. Y., Oct. 1832; m. 2 Mar. 1786, SAMUEL[6] WEBSTER, b. at Hartford in 1749, d. at Schaghticoke, N. Y., 9 May 1813 in 64th year, s. of Matthew[5] (*Ebenezer*[4], *John*[3], *Robert*[2], *John*[1]) and Mabel (Pratt). Five children.

135. iii. ASHBEL, b. 1757.

136. iv. ASA, b. 5 Feb. 1760.

v. CHILD, d. young.

vi. LYDIA, b. in 1765; d. 30 July 1828, aged 63, unm.

137. vii. ROBERT, b. in 1766.

138. viii. DANIEL, b. in 1767.

ix. ELIZA, b. 25 Dec. 1770; d. at Hartford 8 Feb. 1831; m. 15 Feb. 1818, as second wife, CAPT. CHAUNCEY BARNARD, b. 16 Nov. 1764, d. 5 Mar. 1837, at Hartford, s. of Capt. John and Hannah (Bigelow). He m. (1) 4 Feb. 1802, Elizabeth Andrus, b. 25 Nov. 1770, d. 8 Feb. 1816, dau. of William and Hannah (Seymour)

x. SALLY, b. in 1774, d. 17 Dec. 1847; m. at Hartford, 24 May 1798, JOHN[6] ROBBINS, b. 5 Mar. 1774, d. May 1836, s. of Levi[5] (*John*[4], *Richard*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Sarah (Wolcott). Seven children.

xi. RHODA, b. in 1776; bur. 22 May 1776.

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* She is called Eliza Barnard wife of Chauncey Barnard in vol. 37, page 31, same estate.

139. xii. JONATHAN, b. in 1778.
xiii. TABITHA, b. 1 May 1780; d. at Hartford, 31 Oct. 1871 aged 91; m. at Hartford, 2 June 1805, SAMUEL CAMP, who d. 3 Dec. 1833 ae. 64. Seven children.

70. CHARLES[5] SEYMOUR (*Daniel*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 9 June 1742, died there 1 Dec. 1793; married ELIZABETH[5] HUMPHREY, baptized at Hartford, 29 Apr. 1744, died at Hartford, 20 Dec. 1814 ae. 70, daughter of Diotheus[4] (*Nathaniel*[3], *John*[2], *Michael*[1]) and Anne (Griswold).

Administration upon the estate of Charles Seymour late of Hartford deceased granted to Nathaniel Seymour, his son, 28 May 1794. Inventory taken 24 May 1794, the amount being £196:5:6. Distribution of said estate ordered 5 Nov. 1795, the widow Elizabeth is to have one-third, and the following children, each a single share of the remainder, viz.—Nathaniel, Charles, Melinda, and Betsey. Division was made 30 Apr. 1798 between his widow Elizabeth, eldest son Nathaniel, youngest son Charles, daughter Melinda wife of Samuel Danforth, and daughter Betsey Seymour.

Children, born at Hartford:

140. i. NATHANIEL[6], b. in 1769.
ii. CHILD, buried 22 Mar. 1771.
iii. MELINDA, b. in 1774; d. 4 Apr. 1826; m. at Windsor, Conn., 19 Oct. 1797, SAMUEL[6] DANFORTH (*Thomas*[5], *Thomas*[4], *Samuel*[3], *Samuel*[2], *Nicholas*[1]), b. at Middletown, Conn., 18 Apr. 1774, d. at Hartford, 11 Apr. 1816, s. of Thomas[5] (*Thomas*[4], *Samuel*[3], *Samuel*[2], *Nicholas*[1]) and Martha (Jacobs). Nine children.
141. iv. CHARLES, b. in 1776.
v. ELIZABETH, b. 1777; d. at Hartford, 8 Dec. 1838; m. as second wife, 14 May 1828, DR. WILLIAM[5] WHITMAN, b. 1760, d. 25 Dec. 1846 aged 86, at Hartford, s. of Rev. Elnathan[4] (*Samuel*[3], *Zachariah*[2], *John*[1]) and Abigail (Stanley). He was town clerk of Hartford for many years; graduated from Yale, 1779. He m. (1) 1 Jan. 1800, Lucy (Steele) Beach, who d. 17 Apr. 1801.
vi. SUSANNAH, b. 1782; d. 5 Oct. 1785 ae. 3 years.

71. JONATHAN[5] SEYMOUR (*Jonathan*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born [say 1732], died at Tobago in the West Indies in 1770; married ———.

Children:

i. CHILD[6], buried 1 Aug. 1755.
142. ii. HORACE.

iii. ARDON, fell out of a boat at Wethersfield and was drowned, 5 May 1785. He was a private in Capt. Grosvenor's Co., Col. Wyllys' Regt., 1 July to 9 Dec. 1780.

iv. CHILD, buried 6 Mar. 1765.

72. CAPT. ISRAEL[5] SEYMOUR (*Jonathan*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born in 1735, killed by lightning standing in his doorway, at Hartford, Conn. (the house being about where the Capitol now is), 14 Aug. 1784, in his 49th year; married ABIGAIL ———, born 1743, died at Woodbury, Conn., 23 Nov. 1827. She married second, ——— Sheldon. She married third, 18 Jan. 1796, Rev. Noah[5] Benedict of Woodbury, born at Danbury, Conn., 25 May 1737, died at Woodbury, 30 Apr. 1813, son of Daniel[4] and Sarah (Hickox) Benedict; he married first, 16 Feb. 1763, Rhoda Bennet. No children.

He kept a tavern where Trinity College afterward stood. He commanded the 1st Co. in Col. Chester's Regt. in June 1776, which was part of the Conn. Militia serving in the neighborhood of New York City. In 1778-79 he carried on a Pottery in Hartford, and advertised "Earthenware for exchange, or sale, also Hollow-ware." In 1784 he was a member of the Common Council.

Administration upon the estate of Capt. Israel Seymour, late of Hartford, deceased, was granted to Joseph Bull and Nabby Seymour, widow of said deceased, 22 Sept. 1784. Inventory exhibited 26 Apr. 1785. One-third of the house and land is to be deducted as belonging to the mother of said deceased. The estate was insolvent. Joseph Bull, one of the administrators, made return that he had sold a right of land in Caldersburgh, Vt., being part of the real estate.

Last Saturday, about 4 P. M. Capt. Israel Seymour, of this city, was instantly killed by lightning. The lightning first struck the chimney, then dividing, one branch descended by the side of the chimney, forcing its way thro' the garret stairs into a closet in the chamber, the door of which it burst open & shattered, where it was probably attracted by two muskets, that stood by the door. From this it proceeded to the kitchen and penetrated the hearth. The other branch divided and was conducted down the roof by two rafters, which it shattered, below these, it seems to have been united & conducted by a stud, directly over the front door where Capt. Seymour was standing. The quantity of electricity that passed through his body was very great, as is evident from several marks of violence, especially from his shoes, both of which, tho' new, were burst open. Several persons who were in the room were affected by the shock, particularly Mr. Alderman Bull, & Mr. Root who received a slight injury. In the death of Capt. Seymour, the public have lost a valuable citizen,

his acquaintances a benevolent friend, his wife a kind husband, and his mother an only son. On Sunday a Sermon suitable to the occasion was preached by the Rev. Mr. Boardman, before the two congregations in this city, & the funeral of the deceased attended with due solemnity, Tues. Aug. 17, 1784. [Mr. Boardman's sermon was published the next month.]

73. Capt. Zebulon[5] Seymour (*Zebulon*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 12 Sept. 1736, died there 27 July 1807 (gravestone); married at New Hartford, 25 Sept. 1759, Ann[5] Marsh, born at Hartford, 22 Feb. 1741, died there 14 Nov. 1812, daughter of Rev. Jonathan[4] (*Rev. Jonathan*[3], *Jonathan*[2], *John*[1]) and Elizabeth (Sheldon).

He was a member of the Common Council in 1784, and held other town offices in Hartford.

Will of Zebulon Seymour of Hartford, dated 8 June 1807, proved 3 Aug. 1807, mentions wife Ann; daughter Harriet Seymour, to whom he gave my houselot, house, etc., devised to me by the will of my late father Zebulon Seymour deceased; son Joseph Whiting Seymour, to whom he gave all my interest in the estate which I purchased with my said son of the administrators of Capt. Israel Seymour late of Hartford dec'd, now in his occupancy. (Land purchased of Bille Seymour mentioned, which formerly belonged to my brother Aaron Seymour dec'd.) To my three grandchildren, Jerusha King Seymour, Harry Ripley Seymour and Orra Seymour, children of my son Epaphras dec'd. Inventory of the estate of Capt. Zebulon Seymour taken 3 Dec. 1807. Amount, $5640.26; land mentioned which is occupied by Joseph W. Seymour.

Children:

i. Mary Ann[6], bapt. 27 Jan. 1760; d. 19 Apr. 1767 or 10 Apr. 1766 ae. 6 (gravestone), or 10 Apr. 1767 (New Hartford Church Rec.).

ii. Daughter (perhaps Fanny or Jerusha), buried 25 Sept. 1776 ae. 15.

143. iii. Joseph Whiting, b. 2 Jan. 1762.

iv. Daughter (Fanny or Jerusha), d. young.

144. v. Epaphras, b. 1767.

vi. Son, buried 9 May 1770.

vii. Child, buried 20 Feb. 1773.

viii. Infant, buried 29 Mar. 1776.

ix. Infant, buried 26 Sept. 1779.

x. Harriet, b. 3 Jan. 1782; d. at Hartford, 19 Sept. 1866; m. 18 Oct. 1807, Nathaniel Webb, b. 23 Mar. 1781, d. at Hartford, 8 Aug. 1841. He was principal of the Stone School at Hartford. Eight children.

xi. Child, buried 22 Nov. 1788, aged 4.

74. AARON[5] SEYMOUR (*Zebulon*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 11 Mar. 1744, died of apoplexy at Hartford, 26 Nov. 1795 aged 52; married first, ABIGAIL ———, born 1748, died at Hartford, 27 May 1780, aged 32; married second, JERUSHA ALVORD.*

Administration upon the estate of Aaron Seymour, late of Hartford dec'd, granted to Calvin Seymour, 25 Dec. 1795. The estate was insolvent. Inventory of said estate was taken 2 Mar. 1796. Land encumbered by a mortgage to Walter Seymour is named.

Division, 12 Feb. 1788, of the estate of Abigail Seymour late wife of Aaron Seymour of Hartford; to son Calvin, a double share; to the other children, each a single share.

Theodore Seymour, aged about 16 years, minor son of Aaron Seymour late of Hartford, chose Capt. Frederick Seymour of Hartford as his guardian, 15 Nov. 1797.

Administration upon the estate of Capt. Walter Seymour late of Hartford granted to Calvin Seymour of Hartford, who gave bond with Asa Seymour of Hartford, 20 Mar. 1802. Inventory of above estate taken 29 Apr. 1802. Amount, £124:11:03.

Children by first wife:

145. i. CALVIN[6], b. in 1766.
ii. AARON.
iii. SON, b. abt. 1769; bur. 2 Apr. 1779 ae. 10.
146. iv. BILLY, b. abt. 1772.
v. CHILD, bur. 14 Sept. 1773.
vi. WALTER, b. in 1774; d. at sea, 15 Sept. 1801 ae. 27, unm.; a sea captain.
vii. INFANT, bur. 18 Jan. 1777.
viii. ABIGAIL.

Children by second wife:

ix. THEODORE, b. abt. 1781.
x. ALLEN, b. in 1782; d. 2 Sept. 1863; res. Stockton, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.; m. PATIENCE BENNETT, b. abt. 1784, d. 15 July 1858, dau. of Job. Children, most of them born in Spencertown, Columbia Co., N. Y.:
I. Wilson Waterman[7], b. 15 Sept. 1802; res. Glen Falls, Warren Co., N. Y.; m. Belinda Welch.
II. Jerusha, b. 11 Dec. 1804; m. Selleck Weed, of Carroll, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.
III. Calvin Skinner, b. 20 May 1806; res. (1885) Trempealeau, Wis.; m. Sarah Welch. Eleven children.

* According to descendants.

IV. Daniel, b. 25 July 1808; res. Gerry, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.; m. Electa Welch.
V. Mary Ann, b. 1 July 1810; m. Anson Barrows.
VI. Russell, b. 7 July 1812; d. in infancy.
VII. Emeline Margaret, b. 11 July 1814; res. Elroy, Wis.; m. Ezra Wyman.
VIII. William Henry, b. 14 Sept. 1815; res. Jamestown, N. Y.; m. Melissa M. McClallen, b. at Wellington, Vt., in 1826. Three children.
IX. Juliette, b. 14 July 1817; m. in 1834, Otis S. Gould, of Jamestown, N. Y.
X. Warren Pulaski, b. 22 May 1819; d. 28 Aug. 1884; res. Lockton, N. Y.; m. Prudence Morrell.
XI. Eliza, b. 17 May 1821; d. in infancy.
XII. Patience, b. 14 July 1823.
XIII. Laura Jane, b. 20 Dec. 1825; d. 7 Nov. 1864; m. Levi Griswold of Wauconda, Lake Co., Ill.
XIV. Henry Washington, b. 24 Oct. 1826; res. Stockton, N. Y.; m. 31 Dec. 1849, Almira Pike, b. 27 Nov. 1829, dau. of James and Betsey C. (Hewett). Two children.

xi. JERUSHA, m. ABRAHAM VAN KEUREN, of Kinderhook, N. Y.
xii. MARGARET, m. (1) DR. AMOS WARRING; m. (2) MAJ. BERIAH PHELPS. A dau. Cynthia Maria[7] Phelps, m. Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, D.D., of Spencertown, N. Y.
xiii. ASHER, went to Springfield, Vt., to learn house-building; settled in Antwerp, Jefferson Co., N. Y.
xiv. ANNA (or DIADAMA).

75. MAJOR MOSES[5] SEYMOUR (*Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Litchfield, Conn., born at Hartford, Conn., 23 July 1742, died at Litchfield, 17 Sept. 1826 in 85th year; married at Litchfield, 7 Nov. 1771, MOLLY[5] MARSH, born at Litchfield, 24 Nov. 1752, died there 17 July 1826, daughter of Col. Ebenezer[4] (*John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Deborah (Buell).

His education was obtained in the common and grammar schools of Hartford. The grammar school was an exceedingly good one endowed by Governor Hopkins. He early left school to learn the business of furrier and hatter as an apprentice. About the year 1765 or 1766, he removed to Litchfield where he carried on the same business in conjunction with that of general merchandising and farming, until the beginning of the Revolutionary War, when he gave up the greater part of his own business and devoted himself almost exclusively to military and public affairs.

Speaking of Litchfield in those days, Kilbourn in his history, page 113, says: "Litchfield was the home of a remarkable number of highly educated and leading men, some of whom were already distinguished and others who were destined to act an important part in their country's history. Indeed, no town in the State could boast of a community more refined, intelligent or patriotic. Within our present town limits resided Oliver Wolcott, Andrew Adams, Reynold Marvin, Taping Reeve, Isaac Baldwin, Samuel Lyman, Isaac Baldwin, Jr., Elisha Sheldon, John Pierce, Jr., Dr. Adam Little, Lynde Lord, Rev. Timothy Collins, Rev. Judah Champion, Dr. Samuel Hopkins, Dr. Reuben Smith, Moses Seymour, Timothy Skinner, Abram Bradley, William Stanton, Ambrose Collins, Elijah Wadsworth and Ephraim Kirby, all of whom and many more were conspicuous as public men and patriots. To this goodly company were soon added Oliver Wolcott Jr., Ashbel Baldwin, Ezekiel Woodruff, Col. Benjamin Tallmadge, Julius Deming, Senator Uriah Tracy, Aaron Burr and Dr. Daniel Shelton, all of whom became residents here before the close of the war. Sixteen of the above number were graduates of Yale College, and one, Judge Reeve, of the College of New Jersey; three were members of the State Council; four were members of the National Congress or became such; seven were captains of the Revolutionary Army, and four arose to the rank of general officers; two became Chief Justices and two, Governors of the State." . . . . Of the ladies of the town, their melting into bullets the leaden statue of George the Third, is a matter of common history, and one incident only will be added. Mrs. Chauncey Goodrich was a daughter of Governor Wolcott and a sister of Oliver Wolcott, Jr. Of the people of the town of Litchfield, there were in attendance upon Congress and other duties at the National Capitol, Senators Tracy and Allen, Goodrich and Governor Wolcott. At a reception of Mrs. Washington's, Mr. Liston, the then British Embassador, who was thoroughly English in his ideas, said to Senator Tracy, "Your countrywoman, Mrs. Goodrich, would be admired even at St. James." Senator Tracy retorted, "She is admired even on Litchfield Hill."

It was in such a community and surrounded by persons of such character and ability, that Major Moses Seymour began his public career, and it is no small tribute to his own attainments that he so quickly obtained and retained recognition as a leader. As early as 1774, he became identified with the town as one of its officers, and continued almost uninterruptedly in some public office until his death.

In 1789, he was elected Town Clerk, an office to which he was annually re-elected for thirty-seven years. He also served as a member of the House of Representatives from Litchfield from 1795 to 1811. He was greatly interested in securing for this State that portion of Ohio called "Western Reserve," and subsequently creating the "School Fund" from the sale of those lands.

In May, 1775, the General Court of Connecticut reorganized its military department. The troops in the towns of Litchfield, Goshen, Torrington and Winchester were constituted a regiment by themselves, called the Seventeenth Regiment, which regiment subsequently became a part of Connecticut's quota of the Continental Army. Of this regiment, Jedediah Huntington was appointed colonel and Moses Seymour captain of a troop of horse attached to the regiment. At this time Connecticut had no cavalry regiments as such, but there was attached to each infantry regiment a troop of horse.

At the Lexington alarm in April, 1775, all of the Connecticut regiments east of the Connecticut River were ordered out and hurried forward to Concord. At the same time the regiments west of the Connecticut River were ordered to be in readiness to march at a moment's notice. August 11th, 1776, when the British troops were concentrating around Long Island and New York, at the urgent request of General Washington, Governor Trumbull and the Committee of Safety of Connecticut ordered all the regiments west of the Connecticut River to proceed at once to New York and place themselves under the immediate command of General Washington. The Seventeenth Regiment in which Moses Seymour was Captain of a troop of horse, in obedience to this command, marched immediately to New York and were participants in the Battle of Long Island, August 27th, 1776, being in General Parson's Brigade in General Spencer's Division, and also in the attack on Fort Washington in November of the same year, where many of them were captured and for a long time held in confinement as prisoners of war.

During the Fall of 1776, the Council of Safety detached the several companies of light horse from the various infantry regiments to which they were attached, and formed a regiment of Cavalry or Light-Horse, which was placed under the command of Colonel Elisha Sheldon of Litchfield. In this troop, Captain Seymour commanded a company, and during November and December, 1776, was with his company under Colonel Sheldon protecting General Washington's retreat through New Jersey.

In the following year, April, 1777, the British having attacked and burned Danbury, Captain Seymour hastened from Litchfield with his troop of horse, and followed and overtook the foe in their retreat just below Bethel, and repeatedly attacked and pursued them until their re-embarkation at Norwalk. In the Fall of 1777, General Wolcott, upon a requisition from General Gates, sent all the unemployed regiments and troops in Connecticut an exhortation rather than a command to join him "in going Northward" to the assistance of General Gates. In explanation of his conduct to Governor Trumbull, he frankly admits that "it was without law or precedent," but that he deemed the crushing of Burgoyne of the utmost consequence, not only in the cause of the Revolution, but particularly so for the protection of New England. In obedience to this summons, Captain Seymour with his company of light horse joined General Wolcott, and fought through the Battle of Bemis Heights, Stillwater and Saratoga, taking a conspicuous part in the entire campaign. Returning one day from a skirmish with the British troops, Captain Seymour came across an English officer, who had been wounded and left on the field by his countrymen. Captain Seymour not only relieved his necessities, but finally took him into his own tent and cared for him. Soon after the officer inquired of Captain Seymour the result of the day's fighting, and on learning that the British had been repulsed, he remarked, "Then the contest is no longer doubtful, America will be independent."

So far as the writer has been able to discover, it was through Captain Seymour that the world was given the following story: The officers of General Gates' Army gave an entertainment to General Burgoyne and his staff after the surrender at Saratoga. During the supper, being pressed for a toast, General Burgoyne finally arose amid expectant silence and said, "America and Great Britain against the world."

In July, 1779, when Governor Tryon made his attack on New Haven and Fairfield, Captain Seymour, again with his company of light-horse, went from Litchfield to the defence of these places. During the entire war, Litchfield was a military depot of supplies of considerable importance, and a station where prisoners of war were kept confined. It was constantly kept guarded by a considerable military force. It was on one of the main lines of communication between Philadelphia and Boston after the capture of New York. The seacoast was practically at the mercy of the English Navy, and

everything was removed inland as far from the coast as practicable in order to be secure from a Naval attack and the incursion of the English landing from their ships of war.

This military depot was first under the command of General Joseph Trumbull, who was alike the first Commissary General of the Committee of Safety of Connecticut, and of the Continental Congress. Ashbel Baldwin, Oliver Wolcott, Jr., and General William Richards of Elizabethtown, New Jersey, were at various times the quartermasters and commissary generals under General Trumbull and his successors in command of this depot.

During the entire war, when not engaged as hereinbefore described, Captain Seymour was stationed at Litchfield as Assistant-Deputy Quartermaster General and Assistant-Deputy Commissary-General in charge of these supplies and the prisoners of war there confined. There was confined in his own house for some time the loyal Mayor of New York, David Matthews, and the latter's letters to his wife and others, printed in Force's Archives give a pleasant picture of both Major Seymour and his wife. He says, "Ever since my arrival here, I have been at the house of Captain Moses Seymour, who together with his wife, have behaved in the most genteel, kind manner, and have done everything in their power to make my time as agreeable as possible. They have nothing of the Yankee about them. He is a fine merry fellow, and she is a warm protestant (puritan?), and if it was not that the thoughts of home were constantly in my mind, I might be happy with my good landlord and his family to whom I wish you could send some tea, if it were possible, as there is none to be bought here."

Governor Franklin, New Jersey's traitor governor, and Mrs. Theodosia Provost, wife of Colonel Provost, a distinguished British officer, who subsequently became the wife of Aaron Burr, were among the most noted prisoners confined at Litchfield. There was at one time a large body of Hessian troops, who had been captured, also detained there.

Captain Seymour was employed, not only in storing and guarding supplies, but in the purchase of them, and in the superintendence of their transportation to whatever point they might be ordered by competent authority. In the early part of the war, probably 1776, he built a large addition or shed attached to his house for storing of provisions and ammunitions of war, which remained until the house was torn down in 1859.

In September, 1781, we find him with his dragoons guarding a train of wagons loaded with supplies for the French Army, from Litchfield to Fishkill. In the Comptroller's office in Hartford is a very interesting document, given by Jujardy N. Granville, who was the French Commissary General in the Army of Rochambeau, in which the General not only acknowledges the receipt of certain supplies, but "Certifies beside, that the said Captain Moses has taken a great care for the security of our convoy and baggage while he stay with us, till this place. Dated at Fishkill, September 22nd, 1781." In 1783 he retired with the rank of Major.

Of Major Seymour's personal appearance, one well acquainted with him wrote about the time of his death, "In personal appearance, he was little above the ordinary height, somewhat slender but otherwise well proportioned, with a countenance marked by a quick piercing eye and by a mouth expressive of uncommon cheerfulness. His habits were regular and temperate, and the first glance at him discovers a happy air of health, bodily activity and strength. His dress was studiously neat, plain and carefully adjusted. He pertinaciously adhered through life to the queue, small clothes, shoe buckles, with white top boots, which belonged to the style of the last century."

About the year 1800, bitter controversies arose among the Presbyterians, and Major Seymour took refuge from them in the Episcopal Church, to which he continued warmly devoted through life.

He died at Litchfield in 1826, having reached the ripe old age of eighty-five years. He lived to see his country independent and prosperous, his children respected and honored; one a United States Senator from Vermont, one a Canal Commissioner of the State of New York, constructing the Erie Canal with DeWitt Clinton, two high sheriffs of their native county, and his only daughter the wife of a distinguished Episcopal clergyman.

Will of Moses Seymour of Litchfield, dated 27 Feb. 1821, proved 17 Oct. 1826, named wife Molly and six children, viz.—Clarissa Marsh, Moses Seymour, Jr., Ozias Seymour, Horatio Seymour, Henry Seymour, and Epaphroditus Seymour. Charles Seymour was a witness. Codicil dated 11 May 1826 stated that his son Moses had deceased and directed that his children should receive their father's share; Samuel Seymour was a witness.

[The foregoing account of Major Moses Seymour is substantially that compiled by his great-grandson, the late Morris W. Seymour,

of Litchfield, who was greatly interested in the history of the family and justifiably proud of the achievements of his forbears. Major Moses lived in what came to be known as the "Old Seymour Homestead" on South Street in Litchfield. On his marriage to Molly Marsh in 1771, they went to live in this large, comfortable, frame house built in 1735 either by Colonel Ebenezer Marsh, Sr., Molly's father, or by Thomas Grant, and here in this house they thereafter lived until they died, and here all their children were born. The house, which was demolished in 1855, was plain to bareness, but had an engaging air of simplicity and solidity. A reproduction of a daguerreotype made of the house shortly before it was demolished, is included in this volume, also portraits by Ralph Earl (1751-1801), of Major Moses, Molly Marsh his wife, their son Moses, and their daughter Clarissa, who married the Rev. Truman Marsh. The originals of these portraits, except that of Moses Seymour, Jr., hang in the long parlor of the Chief-Justice Seymour house on South Street, Litchfield.—*G. D. S.*]

Children:

i. CLARISSA[6], b. 3 Aug. 1772; d. at Litchfield, 2 Sept. 1865; m. 22 Oct. 1791, her cousin, REV. TRUMAN[6] MARSH, b. at Litchfield, 23 Feb. 1768, d. there 28 Mar. 1851, s. of Ebenezer[5] (*Col. Ebenezer*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Lucy (Phelps). He was graduated from Yale in 1786; ordained Deacon and Presbyter by Bishop Seabury, successively in March and June 1790, became Rector of St. John's, New Milford, and continued there until 1799; then Rector of St. Michael's, Litchfield, until 1810. Seven children.

147. ii. MOSES, b. 30 June 1774.
148. iii. OZIAS, b. 8 July 1776.
149. iv. HORATIO, b. 31 May 1778.
150. v. HENRY, b. 30 May 1780.
151. vi. EPAPHRODITUS, b. 8 July 1783.

76. AARON[5] SEYMOUR (*Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 4 Mar. 1749, died at West Hartford, 20 Aug. 1820; married 12 Jan. 1775, ANNA[6] PHELPS, born at Litchfield, Conn., 2 Jan. 1754, died at West Hartford, 5 May 1823 aged 69, daughter of Capt. Edward[5] (*Edward*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Timothy*[2], *William*[1]) and Hannah (Marsh).

He served in the Revolutionary Army, and was at Saratoga at the Surrender of Burgoyne. He was a farmer on land inherited

from his ancestor, John Seymour, which continued in the family until 1876 or 1877. He and his wife were admitted to the church in West Hartford in 1775.

Children, born at West Hartford:

152. i. FRIEND[6], b. 19 Oct. 1775.
ii. ANNA, b. 25 Feb. 1778; d. at Litchfield, 5 Dec. 1863, aged 87; m. 16 Mar. 1806, as second wife, JOHN[5] WETMORE, b. at Middletown, Conn., 13 Nov. 1767, d. 26 Oct. 1847, s. of John[4] (*Caleb*[3], *Izrahiah*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Lois (Wetmore). He m. (1) 5 June 1795, Ann Hamlin of Middletown, b. 1771, d. 10 Mar. 1804. Eight children.
153. iii. EDWARD PHELPS, b. 9 Jan. 1780.
154. iv. MOSES D., b. 3 June 1782.
155. v. ISRAEL T., b. 29 July 1784.
vi. RACHEL GOODWIN, b. 27 Oct. 1786; d. at New Preston, Conn., 20 Nov. 1864; m. as his third wife, 21 Dec. 1823, STEPHEN[6] COGSWELL, b. at New Preston, 1 Sept. 1771, d. there 29 Oct. 1837, s. of Major William[5] (*Edward*[4], *William*[3], *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Anna (Whittlesey). He was a farmer and mill owner and Captain of the militia. He m. (1) May 1791, Anna Camp, who d. 22 Oct. 1810. He m. (2) 11 Dec. 1811, Susanna Whittlesey who d. 19 Feb. 1823.
156. vii. AARON, b. 9 May 1789.
viii. CLARISSA, b. 8 Nov. 1791, m. 27 Feb. 1816, HORACE KELLOGG SEYMOUR, s. of Nathaniel and Sarah (Kellogg).
157. ix. ROMANTA, b. 4 Dec. 1794.

77. CAPT. SAMUEL[5] SEYMOUR (*Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), a hatter, born at Hartford, Conn., 21 Jan. 1754, died at Litchfield, Conn., 14 Nov. 1837 aged 84; married at Litchfield, 20 June 1788, REBECCA[5] OSBORN, born at Litchfield, 11 Oct. 1763, died there 17 July 1843 aged 80, daughter of John[4] (*Benjamin*[3], *Benjamin*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Lois (Peck).

Captain Samuel Seymour, as he was always called, made an application for a pension under the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832, and there is on file in the Pension Office at Washington, an interesting affidavit made by him detailing his services in the Revolutionary War. That affidavit is too long to be copied in full, but the substance of it is as follows:

He says that on the 3d day of May, 1834, he was a resident of Litchfield and eighty years of age, having been born at Hartford, January 21, 1754; that in December, 1775, he enlisted in Hartford for two months' service to go to the City of New York in a com-

pany commanded by Capt. Abram Sedgwick, Lt. Joseph Skinner and Ensign Peleg Heath; that the regiment was commanded by Col. David Waterbury; that he marched immediately towards New York, and arrived at Stamford where they halted in consequence of information received that Gov. Tryon had threatened to burn the City of New York if the American troops attempted to enter it. A messenger was sent to Gen. Washington to know whether the troops should march on or return. Having received orders to march, they went to the City of New York where the Company remained two months and was then dismissed, and he returned to Hartford.

In the Fall of '76, he removed to Litchfield, and in December of that year he again enlisted in a company of troops commanded by Capt. Nathaniel Goodwin, Lt. Alex. Waugh and Ensign Ozias Goodwin, commanded by Col. Hooker, Lt.-Col. Jesse Root and Maj. Hills; that he marched from Litchfield with said Company to the lines in Westchester County where he was stationed at different places, and was engaged at the Battle of King's Bridge, was also stationed at Mamaroneck, New Rochelle, etc. When the term of enlistment of the Company had expired, they were requested by their superior officers to remain longer, which they did. In this service he was in New York for a period of two months and seven days; that he received no written discharge, but was dismissed by verbal discharge from the officer in command.

In April, 1777, word having been received at Litchfield that the British had landed at Compo and were marching towards Danbury to destroy the stores there, Captain Seymour marched with a company under the command of Eaton Jones, who was formerly a Lieutenant in the Company, before daylight on the following morning after the alarm was given. When they arrived at Danbury, they found that the British had burned it and were retreating towards their ships. He with his company pursued them towards Ridgefield where he was under the personal command of Gen. Wooster until he was wounded; they pursued the enemy towards Long Island Sound and had quite a skirmish with them at a place called Chestnut Ridge in which two of the Litchfield Company were wounded; they then pursued them to Compo River and on Compo Hill had another skirmish with the British in which Paul Peck and another of the Litchfield company were killed. After the embarkation of the British, the company marched back to Litchfield and were dismissed; he was engaged eight days in this service at this time.

Immediately after he was elected Sergeant of the company commanded by Capt. Miles Beach, and almost constantly thereafter he was called upon to go with a file of men to guard ammunition, provisions, etc., which were sent forward from Litchfield, which was then an important military depot of supplies, to the American Army on the lines near New York and the Hudson River; that in the year 1777, he was detached from his company and ordered to march in command of a guard of men to defend a trainload of ammunition sent from Litchfield to the North River; that almost constantly during the years 1777, 1778 and 1779 he was engaged in this business as commander of a company of guards.

That in the Summer of 1778, an officer of the French Army deserted from the troops at Newport, R. I., and was pursued through Connecticut, and as Captain of a troop in pursuit of such officer, he (Seymour) pursued him across the Housatonic River and captured him, bringing him back as a prisoner.

That in the forepart of July, 1779, at the New Haven Alarm, as an officer in Capt. Beach's Company, he marched to New Haven in defense of that town, but arrived too late to participate in any actual engagement.

In June, 1780, he went as an officer under Capt. Ephraim Harrison to Peekskill on the North River to defend the country in that neighborhood from an apprehended attack by the British, who, it was supposed, were about to sail up the river for that purpose.

In December, 1781, in command of a guard, he marched with some deserters who had fled from the American Army to Litchfield back to West Point.

Will of Samuel Seymour of Litchfield, dated 15 Dec. 1828, proved 19 Dec. 1837, named wife Rebecca, and upon her decease the estate to be divided among all my children (not named), son Charles to be executor. Debts due to James Seymour, William H. Seymour and Ozias Seymour.

James Seymour, William H. Seymour, Thomas R. Roby in behalf of his children, and Harriet Webster, are named as heirs of Samuel Seymour of Litchfield, in a document dated 11 Aug. 1844.

Children:

i. HARRIET[6], b. 24 Mar. 1789; d. at Litchfield, 4 May 1854 ae. 65; m. (pub. 13 Jan. 1816) at West Hartford, ANSON WEBSTER, who d. at West Hartford, 13 Mar. 1836 ae. 50, s. of Isaac Jr. and Abigail (Woodruff). They lived in Litchfield.

158. ii. JAMES, b. 20 Apr. 1791.
iii. CHARLES, b. 13 Mar. 1793; d. at Reed City, Mich., 9 May 1884, unm. See below.
iv. WILLIAM, b. 13 Mar. 1794; d. 30 Sept. 1794.
v. CLARISSA, b. 23 Jan. 1800; m. 22 Oct. 1828, THOMAS R. ROBY, of Brockport, N. Y.
159. vi. WILLIAM HENRY, b. 15 July 1802.

CHARLES[6] SEYMOUR (1793-1884) in youth was Postmaster at Litchfield, Conn., and later followed his brothers James and William to Brockport, N. Y., where they were established as merchants. With his brother James, he founded the village of Flushing, Mich., and was active in its early development. He built the sawmill there, and was the first Supervisor of the town. He was elected County Commissioner in 1840, and in 1852 Register of Deeds. In 1855 he was elected Justice of the Peace, and in 1857, Assessor, at Flint, Mich., where he lived during most of the remainder of his life. He never married, and died at the home of his nephew Henry Seymour in Reed City, at the age of ninety-two.

78. MICHAEL[5] SEYMOUR (*Richard*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 23 July 1749, died there 25 June 1811 aged 62; married MERCY[6] SEDGWICK, baptized at West Hartford, 10 June 1753, died 2 Oct. 1834, daughter of William[5] (*Jonathan*[4], *Samuel*[3], *William*[2], *Robert*[1]) and Elizabeth (Brace).

Will of Michael Seymour of Hartford, dated 14 Dec. 1810, proved 30 July 1811. "Whereas I have been entirely disabled from personal Labour for a number of Years and have been dependent on my Son Michael Seymour Jun'r for the Management of my little Estate; and having given my Son William a Trade, and my Daughter Elizabeth Nevins a Setting out in Household Furniture," I hereby bequeath my estate to my son Michael, he to provide for me and my wife Martha during our lives.

Children:

i. WILLIAM[6], b. in 1773; d. June 1827; settled in Demerara, W. I., he m. a native of the place; had two sons.*
ii. ELIZABETH, b. in 1776; d. at Amherst, Ohio, 1 Apr. 1858; m. 31 Aug. 1794, SAMUEL NEVINS, who d. at Litchfield, Ohio, 13 Nov.

* His wife was a Spanish lady; the two sons died, it is supposed, *s. p.*, the last at Helena, Mont., about 1866.

1851, s. of John. They lived in Hartford and Litchfield, Conn., and Litchfield, Ohio.

160. iii. MICHAEL, b. 1 Apr. 1788.

79. JAMES[5] SEYMOUR (*Richard*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 3 Oct. 1751, buried there 11 Jan. 1782, aged 30; married LUCY WARREN, born 11 Oct. 1753, died 16 June 1809. She married second, Consider Burt of Hartford.

Eliezer Warren and Ebenezer Kneeland were appointed administrators of the estate of James Seymour late of Hartford deceased, 9 July 1782. The estate was insolvent.

Children:

i. LUCY[6], b. about 1773; d. 31 Aug. 1839; m. at Hartford, 25 Apr. 1798, ELIJAH[5] TERRY, b. at Enfield, Conn., 29 Nov. 1770, d. 4 Aug. 1824, s. of Elijah[4] (*Ephraim*[3], *Samuel*[2], *Samuel*[1]) and Sarah (Parsons). He was an innkeeper at Hartford and a Colonel of militia.

ii. CHILD, buried 9 July 1778 ae. 5 mos.

iii. ELIZABETH, b. 22 June 1779; d. 22 Nov. 1854; m. 22 Oct. 1801, MICHAEL[5] BURNHAM, b. at East Hartford, 11 Oct. 1775, d. 19 Jan. 1836, s. of Freeman[4] (*Charles*[3], *Richard*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Sybil (Warren). Michael Burnham went to New York from Hartford in 1801 and established *The Evening Post.* In 1830 sold his interest in the *Post* to William Cullen Bryant and William Leggett.

iv. SALLY, b. [say 1781]; m. at Hartford, 25 Nov. 1804, HARRIS SAGE, a book-seller, of Hartford and New York City.

80. FREEMAN[5] SEYMOUR (*Richard*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 17 Jan. 1756, died there 29 Apr. 1800, aged 45; married about 1777, MARY CARTER, born 1 Mar. 1757, died at Hartford, 29 Apr. 1827 in her 70th year.

Freeman Seymour served in the Revolution as a private in Capt. Abner Prior's Company in the regiment commanded by Col. Wolcott. His regiment marched to Boston and took part in the siege of Boston, January to March 1776. The General Assembly in May appointed a company to guard the Treasurer's office, the Secretary's office, and the Pay Table office. He was fifer in this company.

Administration upon the estate of Freeman Seymour, late of Hartford deceased, was granted to Mary Seymour and Elisha Wells, both of Hartford, 30 Oct. 1800. Inventory presented by above administrators, 22 Dec. 1800. Amount, $2326.09⅓. Estate divided

between the following children, their shares being subject to their mother's thirds: Freeman Seymour, eldest son; James Seymour, second son; Mary, wife of Nathaniel Andrus, eldest daughter; "Lieura" Seymour, second daughter; Frederick Seymour, third son; Horace Seymour, fourth son; Huldah Seymour, third daughter; and Heppy Seymour, youngest daughter. (Land mentioned that is held in common with Michael and Richard Seymour.)

Freeman Seymour and Horace Seymour, sons of Mary Seymour late of Hartford deceased, appointed administrators upon her estate, 3 July 1827, James Seymour being a surety. Inventory, amounting to $861.75, was presented 17 Oct. 1827. Distribution of above estate was made, 17 Mar. 1828, to Freeman Seymour, James Seymour, Frederick Seymour, Horace Seymour, Heppy Seymour, the children of Mary Andrus deceased, and the children of Livia Hovey deceased.

Children:

i. MARY[6], b. 11 Oct. 1778; d. 8 Oct. 1827; m. at Hartford, 26 Nov. 1801, NATHANIEL ANDRUS, b. abt. 1770, d. 22 Oct. 1849, s. of William, Jr., and Hannah (Seymour).

161. ii. FREEMAN, b. 22 Aug. 1780.

162. iii. JAMES, b. 26 Aug. 1782.

iv. PHILURA (called Lieura, Livia and Laura), b. 12 Sept. 1784; d. 3 Apr. 1816 ae. 31 at Hartford; m. 24 Nov. 1808, JEDEDIAH HOVEY. He m. (2) 7 Sept. 1817, Heppy Bunce.

v. HORACE, b. 21 Oct. 1786; d. 1 June 1791.

163. vi. FREDERICK, b. 3 July 1789.

164. vii. HORACE, b. 21 Dec. 1791.

viii. HULDAH, b. 3 Apr. 1794; d. 5 Sept. 1815, unm.

ix. HEPPY, b. 9 June 1796; d. at Hartford, 12 Sept. 1837, unm.

81. RICHARD[5] SEYMOUR (*Richard*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Hartford, Conn., born 1762-3, died at Hartford, by a sudden fall, 29 Aug. 1822 aged 59; married at Hartford, in 1784, RACHEL LAMB, born about 1765, died at Hartford, 16 Mar. 1824 aged 59, daughter of Thomas of Glastonbury.

Administration upon the estate of Richard Seymour late of Hartford deceased granted to James Wells and Richard Seymour, 14 Sept. 1822. Inventory taken 17 Sept. 1822, amount $9987.44. Distribution of above estate made 25 June 1823 between the widow and the following children, viz.—Richard, Henry, Lewis and George Seymour, Clarissa Bulkley, Sally Pomeroy, Mary Colegrove, Eliza Seymour, Harriet Seymour and Rachel Seymour.

Administration upon the estate of Rachel Seymour late of Hartford deceased granted to Richard Seymour, 13 Apr. 1824. Division of that part of the estate of Richard Seymour that was set off to his widow Rachel late deceased was made 13 May 1824, between Clarissa Buckland (called Buckley elsewhere), Richard Seymour, Sally Pomeroy, Mary Colegrove, Eliza Russell, Lewis Seymour, George Seymour, Henry Seymour, Rachel Seymour and Harriet Seymour.

Children:

i. CLARISSA[6], b. 31 Dec. 1785; d. 22 Mar. 1850; m. 15 Apr. 1813, HENRY BUCKLAND, who d. 30 June 1859 ae. 67.

165. ii. RICHARD, b. 3 May 1787.

iii. SALLY, b. 14 Jan. 1789; d. at Cairo, Ill., in 1862 (killed by the cars); m. 1 Nov. 1808, WILLIAM POMEROY.

iv. MARY, b. 5 Mar. 1791; d. 21 Sept. 1865; m. 18 May 1818, ALLYN MATHER COLEGROVE of Middletown, Conn., b. 27 Dec. 1790, d. 12 Dec. 1830.

v. RHODA, b. 19 Oct. 1793; d. 20 Mar. 1794.

166. vi. HENRY, b. 13 Apr. 1795.

vii. ELIZA, b. 19 Aug. 1797; d. at Towanda, Pa., 29 Jan. 1882; m. 24 July 1823, JULIUS RUSSELL, b. 16 Oct. 1796, d. at Windham, Pa., 9 Feb. 1868, s. of John and Mary (Woodruff) of Litchfield, Conn. They lived at Windham, Pa. Five children.

viii. CHAUNCEY, b. 12 May 1799; d. 6 May 1820 ae. 21 (gravestone).

ix. LEWIS, b. 23 Feb. 1801; d. at Hallidaysburg, Pa., 28 Apr. 1836, unm. Will of Lewis Seymour, which was signed in Huntington County, Pa., 28 Apr. 1836, named the following persons, but no relationship is expressed, viz.—Richard Seymour, Henry Seymour, George Seymour, Mary Colegrove, Lewis S. Russell, Eliza Russell, Clarissa Buckland, Rachel Newberry, Lewis Seymour Gilbert, Seth Lewis Gilbert, William D. Eaton, Mary Jane Eaton, Mary Steel, and the son of William D. Eaton.

167. x. GEORGE, b. 19 Sept. 1802.

xi. RACHEL, b. 6 Feb. 1805; m. 25 Nov. 1827, GEORGE[7] NEWBERRY b. at Bloomfield, Conn., 20 Jan. 1804, d. 7 Dec. 1880, a son of Frederick[6] (*Thomas*[5], *Roger*[4], *Benjamin*[3], *Benjamin*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Mary (Gillett). Resided at Bloomfield, Conn. He was a tanner.

xii. RHODA (twin), b. 17 Nov. 1807; d. in 1807.

xiii. RUTH (twin), b. 17 Nov. 1807, d. 29 Nov. 1807.

xiv. HARRIET, b. 7 Apr. 1810; d. 15 Oct. 1835; m. 12 Nov. 1828, WILLIAM EATON, who d. 10 May 1851 ae. 46.

HARRIET[6] (SEYMOUR) EATON (1810-1835) was mother of Mary Jane[7] Eaton, who married William Cutler; their daughter was Harriet Seymour[8] Cutler, wife of Frank G. Smith of Hartford.

The latter's son, CHARLES McLEAN[9] SMITH (born 6 July 1886, died 4 Oct. 1918), B.A. (Yale, 1908), served with the A.E.F. in the World War, and died in hospital from a wound received in action in the Argonne.

82. JARED[5] SEYMOUR (*Thomas*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Hartford, Conn., born at Hartford, Conn., 13 Jan. 1731, buried there 27 Apr. 1781; married at Hartford, 26 Mar. 1752, DELIVERANCE SKINNER, baptized at Hartford, 28 Feb. 1730/1, died there 13 Mar. 1799 aged 68, daughter of John and Mary (Turner).

He lived in the house built by his father, called the Russ House.

Children, born at Hartford:

i. DELIA[6], b. 6 Nov. 1752; d. at Hartford, 4 July 1830; m. (JUDGE) JONATHAN[4] BULL of Hartford, b. 5 Nov. 1706, d. 5 Oct. 1825, a son of Dr. Jonathan[3] (*Jonathan*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Hannah (Wooster). He was Judge of County and Probate Courts many years, Justice of the Peace and Commissioner of Loans.*

168. ii. GEORGE, b. 25 Dec. 1754.

169. iii. FREDERICK.

iv. CYNTHIA, b. 9 Dec. 1759; d. 27 Aug. 1835;† m. 21 Apr. 1782, CAPT. ASA CORNING, of Preston and Hartford, b. 3 Dec. 1753, d. at Hartford, 27 Dec. 1815, s. of Josiah and Jane (Andrews).

170. v. DAVID, b. in 1769.

vi. JANE, b. in 1772; m. at Hartford, 5 Sept. 1802, NATHANIEL SKINNER, of Albany, N. Y., where he kept the Mansion House.

83. COL. THOMAS[5] SEYMOUR (*Thomas*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 17 Mar. 1735, died there 30 July 1829 aged 94, for three years the oldest living graduate of Yale; married MARY LEDYARD, baptized at Groton, Conn., 15 June 1735, died at Hartford, 27 Aug. 1807, daughter of John and Deborah (Youngs).

He was graduated from Yale College in 1755, and became one of the most prominent citizens of his time. He represented Hartford in the General Assembly at eighteen sessions between 1774 and 1793, being Speaker five times, and from 1793 to 1803 was annually elected

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* One of their twelve children, Cornelia[7] Bull, became the wife of James Dodd, of Hartford, president of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, and Pension Agent of the State; after her death, he married her sister Elizabeth.

† Died Nov. 1836, by family record.

a member of the Connecticut Senate, then called the House of Assistants. He was King's Attorney, 1767, and after the Revolution, State's Attorney. He was commissioned Captain in the militia in 1773, and was promoted to Lieut.-Colonel, Oct. 1774.

During the Revolution (from Apr. 1775), he was head of the Committee of Pay Table, the labors of which fell mostly upon him, and Paymaster. As Lieut.-Colonel of the 1st Regiment of Horse, he marched in command of three regiments of light horse in the summer of 1776, to aid the Continental Army in New York.

He was Chief Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Hartford County, 1798 to 1803; first Mayor of Hartford, from its incorporation as a city, June 1784, until his resignation, at the age of seventy-seven, May 1812.

He was one of the Trustees of the Grammar School. He was a member of the Second, or South, Church, as was also his wife, and in 1767 he was appointed to read the Psalm. He served this church as Deacon from 1794 until his resignation in 1809. He lived on Arch Street on the banks of the Little River; the house was pulled down in 1870, and the site was more recently occupied by a part of George S. Lincoln's iron foundry. General LaFayette stopped at his house when he was in Hartford in 1824. During the War of 1812, he was Commissary General.

"At the bar he is said to have been a smooth, persuasive, and engaging advocate; and in the various social and domestic relations he was as happy as his conduct was kind and exemplary."

[Mrs. Seymour's father, John Ledyard (1700-1771), of New London and Hartford, said to have come from Bristol, England, was the progenitor of a distinguished line. Mary Kingsbury Talcott says that he was "a man of distinction and influence and literary culture, one of the founders of Dartmouth College" ("Memorial History of Hartford County," Vol. 1, p. 653). His funeral sermon was preached Sept. 3, 1771, by Elnathan Whitman, of the South Church. Her brother, Colonel William Ledyard, "the Gallant Ledyard," was brutally murdered at the taking of Fort Griswold, near New London, during Arnold's invasion in 1781; her nephew, John Ledyard, the Traveler, has a permanent place in the "Annals of Adventure." The civilized world rang with his name but a century ago. Mrs. Fairchild, herself a Ledyard as well as a Seymour, collected much material, now in the archives of the New York Historical Society, on the Ledyard family.

Col. William Ledyard, referred to above,—"the gallant Ledyard" as he is often called,—was the "Hero of Fort Griswold," which he defended with incomparable gallantry at the time of Benedict Arnold's Invasion of New London in 1781. The British overpowered the little garrison and swarmed into the Fort. When the British officer in command called out, "Who commands this Fort?", the "gallant Ledyard" came forward, and saying, "I did once but you do now," offered his sword to the officer, who took it from his hand but to run it through his heart,—an atrocity perhaps unparalleled in the history of civilized warfare—if there is any such thing.—*G. D. S.*]

The character and cast of thought of the "First Mayor" are illuminated by a letter written by him in 1776 to Mr. [Jedediah] Norton and the Gentlemen of the Committee of the Society at Worthington:

"Gent[n]—I am informed by Doctor Steele that he is a sincere professor as well as Worshipper in the Church of England, and has for some time past paid to the Incumbent where he attends and has his receipt accordingly. This being the Case, hope you will not at least in this day of public calamity, put him or his Estate to any loss or Trouble especially for the building of meeting houses, & in a time when we are struggling for Civil & Religious Liberty tis perhaps a pity to Compel men to pay where they do not worship.

"I am with very great regard
Gentlemen Y[r]. Friend
& h ble Se'nt
Thos. Seymour.
Hartford June 21 1776"

This letter, remarkable in that it was written by a Revolutionary patriot who had been King's Attorney, breathes a spirit of tolerance and real love of liberty not always found among the leaders of our Revolution and totally lacking among those hot-heads who dubbed themselves "Sons of Liberty."

A framed autographed certificate issued by Thomas Seymour in 1802 as Mayor of Hartford, and bearing the seal of the City, is in possession of the Mayor's Office in Hartford.

The invaluable rolls of soldiers in the French and Indian War, 1755-64, were discovered and purchased by the late Judge Sherman Wolcott Adams of Hartford about 1888 after they had been removed from the old Seymour house on Governor Street, and later were acquired by the State Library. These muster rolls have

been published in two volumes by the Connecticut Historical Society under the careful editorship of Albert C. Bates, Esq., who explains in the prefaces to the volumes how these papers came to be in the Seymour house, which descended from Col. Thomas Seymour to his son, Maj. Henry Seymour, in 1829, and from the latter to his son, Gov. Thomas H. Seymour, in 1846. After the death of the Governor's sister, her heirs in New Orleans, after removing what they valued, sold the house.

Col. Thomas Seymour's ledger in 1759 contains the item "To 4 Days drawing muster Rolls for England," and other entries which show that he was employed to copy the rolls to send to England. After the British government had reimbursed the Colony, the original rolls were probably considered of no further value, and left in Mr. Seymour's hands.

A letter addressed to President Jefferson, signed by Thomas Seymour and his son Henry, along with five other gentlemen, and possibly composed by Thomas Seymour, is of considerable historical interest, and is thought not to have been printed hitherto. We are much indebted to James L. Howard, Esq., of Hartford, Conn., for the copy. President Jefferson's reply to the letter may be found in the Works of Thomas Jefferson (Federal Edition, vol. 10, p. 366).

Hartford, Cont., Dec. 20, 1806

Sir:—

Apprehending that communications have been made to you, tending to misrepresent the sentiments of the Republicans in this State, on the subject of the prosecutions depending before the Circuit Court in this District, for Libels against the President & administration of the General Government; we submit the following observations, expressive of the opinions of the Republicans in this Town, and of the Friends of Republican Government in this State.

The Press we consider as essential to *our* Liberties; *its* liberty inviolable. In the liberty of the Press we include, the right to publish our sentiments on every measure of the Government; to examine it freely in all its tendencies; but not to charge its authors, with motives subversive of the liberties & happiness of the Nation.

The Chief Magistrate of a free government, becomeing the servant of the people, retains the rights of the Citizen. Devoting himself to his Country, the Country is pledged to secure to the Magistrate by all legal means the character of the Citizen. Renouncing the quiet of domestic life, & submitting his official conduct to the severe scrutiny of a people, jealous of their liberties; he consigns not his reputation as a man to rise and fall with the expediency or impolicy of his measures.

The opponents of the Gen. Government in this State, under the mask of superior virtue, religion, & patriotism, have commenced and persevered in, a systematic plan for the ruin of every Individual, who holds an office under, or advocates the Government of the U States. From the President, to the lowest officer, directly or indirectly dependent on him for appointment; from the Republican Candidate for Governor down to the lowest Republican Candidate for office in the State Government; a continued torrent of abuse, not only copious and uninterrupted, but irresistable in its progress has issued. Not contented with this systematic attack on character; unsatisfied by the general wreck of reputation which has marked its progress, they are determined that the bare means of subsistance shall not be left to the victims of their intolerance. With these objects in view, not only suits at Law to rob us of our property, but criminal prosecutions have commenced. While on the other hand the characters and not the characters alone, but the opinions and conduct of Federalists, from the highest Judge to the most obscure Justs. of the Peace, are not only protected, but vindicated. The motives of men, who have rioted on the mangled reputations of their political opponents, in the Genl. & State governments, are not to be suspected without fine, & to the loss of property & character, have been added the horrors of Imprisonment. Confident that no Federal Court would take cognizance of calumnies against the President & administration, and influenced by the example of Political Priests, & of men high in office, under the State government, who have descended from the Pulpit & the Bench to become the authors & retailers of the calumnies; Federal Editors, have unceasingly issued from their presses, libels as unprecedented in number and grossness, as they were unfounded in truth. While waging a war of extermination against the Characters of their political opponents, the professed friends of order in Connecticut had screened their own, by Juries openly & avowedly selected for the purpose. While, for publishing the truth of them in language not abusive, but decent, a Republican printer had been compelled to pay One Thousand Dollars; while another Printer & another Editor had been fined & Imprisoned; and while a persecuting & intolerant Majority were exulting over the distresses & misfortunes of an almost despairing minority; A Judge eminent for his talents & attatched to the Administration of his Country, by an unexpected order of Providence, is called to Preside at a Circuit Court in this District. A Grand Jury selected from among the most intelligent of our Citizens attatched to the principles which have uniformly guided the administration, but who will inviolably maintain the right of examining its measures, were summoned. Bills were found against a Judge, two political Priests, & three Federal printers, who were corrupting the taste and morals of the people. Public opinion has decided on the correctness of the procedure; moderate Federalists approve it; the violent are silent; and Republicans with a few solitary exceptions, applaud it.

Already Sir, have the public presses become less personal in their abuse, but have not nor will they become less free in their examination of the measures and principles of the Administration. Already has an Intolerant Majority softened its asperity, and a minority, despairing of Justice to itself from the State Courts, been led to anticipate from the Courts of the U States, exact Justice to its enemies.

Feeling ourselves wholly unrepresented at the seat of Government, we offer no apology for the freedom assumed; but tender you our ardent wishes for your happiness, and continued exertions, for the support & extension of Civil & Religious Liberty.

Thos Seymour
Jonth. Bull
Sylvester Wells
Nath^{l}. Patten
Daniel Olcott
Tho^{s}. Tisdall
Henry Seymour

Thomas Jefferson Esq.
President of the U States.

"In October, 1789, while on a tour of two eastern states, Washington spent two days in Hartford. Mayor Thomas Seymour, who probably looked on the town hall as his regular place of business, for he was mayor for twenty-eight years, issued a proclamation welcoming His Excellency to Hartford and pledging loyalty and support. Washington replied to Mayor Seymour's welcome with a brief expression of thanks and pleasure."

The will of Thomas Seymour, Esq., follows:

I Thomas Seymour of the City & County of Hartford in the State of Connecticut, Esquire, being at this present time, through the goodness of God, in good health, and of sound disposing mind & memory, yet knowing the uncertainty of this life, and that I cannot tell what a day may bring forth, but that it is surely appointed for all Men once to dye.—therefore now, in the fear of God, & in whose mercy alone, through Jesus Christ, I trust for salvation & happiness after this life, do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament, as follows, to wit.

Imprimis—That all my just Debts & funeral expenses shall be paid by my Executor, hereafter named.—

Item,—I give unto my Dearly beloved Wife Mary, the entire use and improvement of my Homestead, mansion House, & out Houses thereon—also, the use of all my household goods & furniture—a good Cow & Horse, & pasturing the same—& the sum of two hundred dollars, to be paid to her annually by my Executor—all, in lieu of Dower, during her natural life—

Item, as I have already given to my eldest Son Thomas Y. Seymour, by deed of gift, & otherwise, his full portion of my Estate, of considerable value, in which he expresed himself contented, so I give him nothing further at present—

Item, whereas I have done much for my son William Seymour, & he has had a full portion of my Estate, in money & payments made for him, therefore, it is my will that, he have nothing more, least it might deprive those of my Children, who have had little, of their just proportion—

Item, and whereas, I have given to my Son Edward Seymour, by deed of Gift Gift [*sic*], a considerable portion of my Estate, value six thousand dollars,

at least, & the use of my Store a number of years, free of Rent; in addition to which, it is my will, & I do now give to him the said Store, & the platt of Ground on which it stands, near the south end of the great Bridge, with the priviledges & appurtenances, and to his heirs forever—

Item, I give to my dear & only Daughter, Mary Juliana Chenevard, all the Household Goods, furniture & plate, remaining in my House, upon the demise of her dear mother, excepting thereout, the Portraits of her Parents, & my Mohogany Desk & Book Case—and I also give to her one thousand dollars, to be paid to her by my Executor hereafter named, within six months after my decease, which I advise her to put upon Interest, for her own use—

Item—and whereas I have paid & advanced considerable sums of money for my youngest Son Ledyard Seymour, who has been unfortunate in Business—therefore it is my will, not to give him any further at present, but to leave it to the discretion and affection of his Brother, my Executor hereafter named, to assist him, as far as he may judge it to be just & proper—

Item—I do give & bequeath unto my Son Henry Seymour, & to his heirs forever after the demise of his dear mother, my House & Homestead, containing about three Acres, together with all the rest, residue and remainder of my Estate, real & personal, not before given & devised; to enable him, (especially) to render his dear mothers life comfortable, and happy,—to meet & fulfill the other obligations enjoined upon him in this my will, as also, to make him equal to what has been done for his other Brothers, he, haveing as yet, had very little of my Estate, or other advancements—

and lastly, I do appoint my said Son Henry Seymour to be the sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all other, & former Wills & Testaments, by me made—In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal in the City of Hartford, this 20th day of August, in the year of our Lord, 1807—

Signed, sealed, published, & pronounced, in presence off—

Elisha Shepard
Elisha Babcock — Thos Seymour [seal]
Jona Wells Babcock

Mayor Seymour in executing his will employed the seal charged with the two wings conjoined in lure, to be seen on the original will in the files of the Hartford Probate District. This is the same seal used by his father in executing his will in 1765, as before stated and as illustrated in the back pages of this volume.

—Codicil—

I Thomas Seymour Esqr. (now of sound mind and memory) upon reviewing my last Will and Testament, above written—ever remembering the decease of my beloved Wife, which hath since happened,—the variant circumstances of my Family, and the cares & burthens, which of course will attend my said Executor in the execution of his trust—and more especially, for what he hath done and suffered, in years past, in administering upon the two Estates of Captain John Chenevard, & his Son John Junr deceased, in which my daughter

& her Children were much interested—I do now therefore, in consideration of the Above premises, subjoin and Annex the following Codicil to my said Will, & in alteration thereof, as follows, to wit—Imprimis—I do hereby revoke the Legacy of one thousand dollars made to my said daughter, & exonerate my Executor from the payment thereof, and in lieu of the same, I do give to her one hundred dollars, to be paid within one year after my decease, and all my silver plate, and household furniture, (except as before excepted), as also excepting the mirror, & small prints now kept in the lower south east room in my House—

Item, I give to my Son William the use of my House upon the North Bank of mill river, during his life, but not to let or lease to any one, and the remainder to my Son Henry & his heirs forever—Item,—I give to my Son Ledyard, all my wearing Apparel (my great Coat excepted)

Item, I give to my grand Daughter Mary Ellery Seymour Eight Mohogany Chairs,

In Witness where of have hereunto set my hand & seal this 15th day of October, A. Dom: 1821—signed, sealed, published, & pronounced— in presence off—

James Wells — Thos. Seymour [seal]
Charles Babcock
John Thomas

Probate office District of Hartford Sept. 19th 1829

Personally appeared Elisha Shepard One of the subscribing witnesses to the last Will of The Hon. Thomas Seymour, and made Solemn oath that he saw the Testator subscribe, and declare the same to be his last Will & testament and that he executed the same in his presence & the presence of the other subscribing witnesses, and that they all attested the same in the presence of said Testator and at the time of Executing the same he appeared to be of sound and disposing mind

Also Chs. Babcock one of the subscribing witnesses to the Codicil & made oath as above—

before me John Russ Judge of Probate

A delightful picture of the "First Mayor" in his old age is presented in the following letter written from Painesville, Ohio, to Prof. Nathan P. Seymour, in 1876, by the Mayor's granddaughter, Mrs. Mary Eliza[7] (Chenevard) Comstock, daughter of the noted beauty, Mary Juliana[6]:

[p. 1] Painesville April 13th 1876

Prof Seymour
dear Sir

I wanted to tell you an incident in the last days of my grandfather, Thomas Seymour King's atty first Mayor of the City of H—. He was ninety-four

years of age when he died in 1827. It was his habit to rise very early and go down the bank of the little river, on which stood his office, and dip his head and neck into the river, then rush back to his room to make his toilette for breakfast. [p. 2] When the river was frosen he broke a hole in the ice, performing the same ablutions the year round. I remember a summer day the last time perhaps that he came to see me in Asylum Street, cane in hand, he took the hand of my little daughter and placed in it a pair of sleeve buttons each crystal set in pure old gold, "Saying these are for your name Mary Ledyard—the name of your great grandmother." The sweet loving look has always remained in my memory. Mrs Bailey is the owner of the precious buttons—Mary Ledyard Bailey. [p. 3] When he was fast failing and quickly closing away his mortal life, my mother attended him, his only daughter long a widow. He roused all of a sudden, "saying Julia I have lived a long and temperate life and tryed to set you all a good example"—then seemed nearly gone. She said do you know me father, no reply came, "Father do [you] know the Lord Jesus Christ? Oh yes I have known him a long time" came with emphasis, from his dying lips. Dear Mr Spring was my Pastor then, I went to him to attend the funeral. He said he never saw so fair, dignified and beautiful an [p. 4] object as he lay in his coffin. Such reminiscences to me are very sweet. I have to thank you for indulging me, in listening with so much interest to my old time legend—all facts—and not exaggerated. if I find any old papers that I think will interest your son or add anything to his researches, I will send them. There was an obscurity with regard to the grandfather's mother. his father was Thomas J, but G W Seymour tryed to find some notice of her, and asked me if I knew, but nothing more was said at the time, which seems rather singular
My love to Mrs S[*eymour*]

Yours truly,
M. E. Comstock

Children, born at Hartford:

171. i. Thomas Youngs[6], b. 19 June 1757.
172. ii. William, b. 28 Dec. 1759.
173. iii. Edward, b. 14 Feb. 1762.
174. iv. Henry, b. 25 Dec. 1764.
v. Mary Juliana, b. 6 Feb. 1769; d. at Hartford, 8 June 1843 ae. 74; m. at Hartford, 20 Nov. 1794, Capt. John[3] Chenevard, Jr., b. at Hartford, 12 Dec. 1769, d. there 19 Apr. 1808 ae. 38, s. of Capt. John[2] (*John Michael*[1]) and Hepzibah (Collier). Children: 1. *John Michael*[7], b. 20 Nov. 1795; d. 30 Oct. 1870 ae. 75, unm. 2. *Mary Juliana*, b. 30 July 1797; d. 21 Mar. 1798. 3. *Mary Eliza*, b. 2 June 1799; m. 19 May 1817, Dr. John Lee Comstock, the author of Comstock's *Philosophy*. 4. *Margaret Juliana*, bapt. 18 Mar. 1802; m. 2 Apr. 1820, Dr. William H. Morgan. 5. *William Chandler*, b. 3 May 1803; lost at sea, Sept. 1824 ae. 25.
175. vi. Ledyard, b. 2 Aug. 1773.
vii. Samuel, b. 30 Aug. 1776; bur. 9 Oct. 1776.

MARY JULIANA[6] SEYMOUR (1769-1843), daughter of the "First Mayor," was a celebrated beauty, and noted as the original of the "character" Juliana eulogized by Noah Webster, the lexicographer. We reprint in full his description, hoping that Juliana was not so idealized by the writer as to be

"too pure and good
For human nature's daily food."

The original is found in "An American Selection of Lessons in Reading and Speaking. Calculated to improve the minds and refine the taste of youth. To which are prefixed Rules in Elocution, and Directions for expressing the principal passions of the mind. Being The Third Part of a Grammatical Institute of the English Language. By Noah Webster, Jun." Hartford, Printed by Hudson and Goodwin, 1801. Her daughter Mary E.[7] (Chenevard) Comstock wrote in 1880 that "my mother" was Webster's "model" for his "Real Character."

JULIANA: A REAL CHARACTER

1. JULIANA is one of those rare women whose personal attractions have no rivals, but the sweetness of her temper and the delicacy of her sentiments. An elegant person, regular features, a fine complexion, a lively, expressive countenance, an easy address, and those blushes of modesty that soften the soul of the beholder; these are the native beauties, which render her the object of universal admiration.

2. But when we converse with her, and hear the melting expressions of unaffected sensibility and virtue that flow from her tongue, her personal charms receive new lustre, and irresistibly engage the affections of her acquaintances.

3. Sensible that the great source of happiness, is purity of morals and an easy conscience, Juliana pays constant and sincere attention to the duties of religion. She abhors the infamous, but fashionable vice of deriding the sacred institutions of religion.

4. She considers a lady without virtue as a monster on earth; and every accomplishment, without morals, as polite deception. She is neither a hypocrite nor an enthusiast; on the contrary, she mingles such cheerfulness with the religious duties of life, that ever her piety carries with it a charm which insensibly allures the profligate from the arms of vice.

5. Not only the general tenor of her life, but in particular her behaviour in church, evinces the reality of her religion. She esteems it not only criminal in a high degree, but extremely unpolite, to behave with levity in a place consecrated to the solemn purpose of devotion.

6. She cannot believe that any person, who is solicitous to treat all mankind with civility, can laugh in the temple of Jehovah, and treat their great benefactor with heedless neglect.

7. In polite life, the manners of Juliana are peculiarly engaging. To her superiors, she shows the utmost deference and respect. To her equals, the most modest complaisance and civility; while every rank experiences her kindness and affability.

8. By this conduct she secures the love and friendship of all degrees. No person can despise her, for she does nothing that is ridiculous; she cannot be hated, for she does injury to none; and even the malevolent whispers of envy are silenced, by modest deportment and generous condescension.

9. Her conversation is lively and sentimental; free from false wit, frivolous minuteness, and affectation of learning. Although her discourse is always under the direction of prudence, yet it appears unstudied; for her good sense always furnishes her with thoughts suited to the subject, and the purity of her mind renders any caution in expressing them almost unnecessary.

10. She will not lead the conversations; much less can she stun the ears of company with perpetual chat, to interrupt the discourse of others. But when occasion offers, she acquits herself with ease and grace; without the airs of pertness, or the confusion of bashfulness.

11. But if the conversation happens to turn upon the foibles of either sex, Juliana discovers her goodness by silence, or by inventing palliations. She detests every species of slander.

12. She is sensible that to publish and aggravate human errors, is not the way to correct them; and reformation, rather than infamy, is the wish and the study of her life. Her own amiable example is the severest of all satires upon the faults and the follies of her sex, and goes farther in discountenancing both, than all the censures of malicious detraction.

13. Although Juliana possesses every accomplishment that can command esteem and admiration; yet she has neither vanity nor ostentation. Her merit is easily discovered without show and parade.

14. She considers that haughtiness, and contempt of others, always proceed from meanness; that true greatness is ever accessible; and that self-recommendation and blustering pretensions, are but the glittering decorations of empty heads and trifling hearts.

15. However strong may be her desire of useful information, or however lively her curiosity, yet she restrains these passions within the bounds of prudence and good breeding. She deems it impertinent to the highest degree to be prying into the concerns of other people; much more impertinent and criminal does she deem it, to indulge an officious inquisitiveness, for the sake of gratifying private spleen in the propagation of unfavorable truths.

16. So exceedingly delicate is she in her treatment of her fellow creatures, that she will not read a paper nor hear a whisper, which a person does not wish to have known even when she is in no danger of detection.

17. The same delicate attention to the feelings of others regulates her conduct in company. She would not for the price of her reputation, be found laughing, or whispering with one in the company. All nods, grimaces, sly

looks, and half speeches, the cause of which is not known, are carefully avoided by her, and reprobated as the height of ill breeding, and the grossest insult to the company.

18. Whenever this happens between two persons, the rest of the company have a just right to consider themselves the objects of their ridicule. But it is a maxim of Juliana that such conduct is a breach of politeness, which no oddities or mistakes that happen in public company, can excuse or palliate.

19. It is very common for persons, who are destitute of certain accomplishments which they admire in other people, to endeavor to imitate them. This is the source of affectation, a fault that infallibly exposes a person to ridicule. But the ornaments of the heart, the dress and the manners of Juliana, are equally easy and natural.

20. She need not to assume the *appearance* of good qualities which she possesses in *reality*: Nature has given too many beauties to her person, to require the studied embellishments of fashion; and such are the ease and gracefulness to her behaviour, that any attempt to improve them would lessen the dignity of her manners.

21. She is equally a stranger to that supercilious importance which affects to despise the small, but necessary concerns of life; and that squeamish false delicacy which is wounded with every trifle.

22. She will not neglect a servant in sickness because of the meanness of his employment; she will not abuse an animal for her own pleasure and amusement; nor will she go into fits at the distress of a favorite cat.

23. Her gentle soul is never disturbed with discontent, envy, or resentment; those turbulent passions which so often destroy the peace of society as well as of individuals. The native firmness and serenity of mind forbid the intrusion of violent emotions; at the same time her heart, susceptible and kind, is the soft residence of every virtuous affection.

24. She sustains the unavoidable shocks of adversity, with a calmness that indicates the superiority of her soul; and with the smile of joy or the tear of tenderness, she participates the pleasures or the sorrows of a friend.

25. But the discretion and generosity of Juliana, are particularly distinguished by the number and sincerity of her attachments. Her friendships are few, but they are all founded on the principles of benevolence and fidelity. Such confidence do her sincerity, her constancy and her faithfulness inspire, that her friends commit to her breast, their most private concerns, without suspicion.

26. It is her favorite maxim, that a necessity of exacting promises of secrecy, is a burlesque upon every pretension to friendship. Such is the character of the young, the amiable Juliana.

27. If it is possible for her to find a man who knows her worth and has a disposition and virtues to reward it, the union of their hearts must secure that unmingled felicity in life, which is reserved for genuine love, a passion inspired by sensibility, and improved by a perpetual intercourse of kind offices.

Mary Juliana's portrait, illustrated in this volume, is a miniature in the Yale School of the Fine Arts by Col. John Trumbull, one of the foremost portrait painters of his day,—a son of Gov. Jonathan

Trumbull of Connecticut. On the back of the miniature, in Col. Trumbull's handwriting, the following memorandum appears:

> Seymour, Julia, daughter of Thomas Seymour, Esq., of Hartford, Conn. Painted at Lebanon by J. Trumbull, 1792.

From this it appears that the beautiful young woman was painted two years before her marriage to Capt. John Chenevard in 1794. She went to Lebanon (the seat of the Trumbull family and the residence of the Governor) to have her miniature painted. The next year, Col. Trumbull painted, in Hartford, a miniature of her brother, Capt. Thomas Youngs Seymour, Yale 1777, the "beau Sabreur of Saratoga." These two miniatures are among the most admired of all of Col. Trumbull's paintings in this field of portraiture.

Mary Eliza[7] Chenevard, daughter of Capt. John and Mary Juliana[6] (Seymour) Chenevard, born at Hartford, Conn., 2 June 1799, married 19 May 1817, Dr. John Lee Comstock, born at Lyme, Conn., 25 Sept. 1787, died at Hartford, 21 Nov. 1858. Mrs. Comstock was a woman of unusual charm, tall and spare, brown-haired and blue-eyed. Several charming letters written by her on family (Seymour and Ledyard) matters are included in the late Mrs. Charles S. Fairchild's manuscript material on those families, and her recollections of her grandfather, the First Mayor, have been quoted on an earlier page; two pictures of Mrs. Comstock are reproduced herein.

Dr. John Lee Comstock was a physician and a very popular writer of text-books which had, for the time, enormous sales,—books on philosophy, chemistry, botany, mineralogy, astronomy and physiology, as well as a history of Greece and a history of the Hindoos. His book on philosophy sold over half a million copies in this country, and his books were widely translated, some of them being used in the schools of Prussia. Dr. Comstock served as Assistant Surgeon in the War of 1812. He was the first to patent a process for waterproofing cloth and leather by the use of rubber.

The children of Dr. John Lee and Mary Eliza (Chenevard) Comstock were:* 1. *John Chenevard*[8], b. 1 May 1818, d. at Hartford, 2 Feb. 1862; graduated from Trinity College, Hartford, in 1838, and was a captain in the First Conn. Regt. at Bull Run, dying soon after. 2. *Samuel Lee*, b. 30 Apr. 1821, d. 12 Aug. 1841, from acci-

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* Comstock Genealogy, p. 106.

dental discharge of his gun. 3. *Stella L.*, b. 22 May 1824, d. 5 June 1858. 4. *Mary Ledyard*, b. 15 Feb. 1827, m. Rev. Nathaniel P. Bailey. 5. *Jane Ellery*, b. 8 Feb. 1830, m. William Matthews. 6. *Julia Seymour*, b. 24 June 1833, m. her second cousin, Stephen Edward Fuller. 7. *William Allen*, b. 24 July 1836, d. 24 Sept. 1838. 8. *Edward Morgan*, b. 8 Sept. 1839, d. 22 Jan. 1840.

84. ELIAS[5] SEYMOUR (*Bevil*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Newington Parish, Wethersfield, Conn., 28 Apr. 1746, died there 6 Oct. 1828; married at Newington Parish, Wethersfield, 9 Jan. 1769, ELIZABETH[5] WOLCOTT, born at Newington Parish, Wethersfield, 12 Aug. 1746, died there 4 Feb. 1832, daughter of David[4] (*George*[3], *George*[2], *Henry*[1]) and Eunice (Buck). They owned the Covenant, 8 Sept. 1771.

He served as a private in Col. Samuel B. Webb's Wethersfield Regiment from 14 Apr. 1777 to Dec. 1779.

Will of Elias Seymour of Wethersfield dated 23 Jan. 1821, proved 10 Nov. 1828, names my wife; sons Theodore, Elias and Jeremiah, the latter of whom receives one-half of his father's farm in Avon, N. Y., and Elias 100 acres of the same; daughters Jerusha, Nancy, Eunice and Elizabeth (all unmarried), the latter of whom receives 20 acres of the above farm at Avon, N. Y.; son-in-law Seth Beckwith; daughter Eunice who is disordered in mind, and daughters Rachel and Thankful, the latter of whom has received a deed of 100 acres in Avon, N. Y., from her father. In the division of the estate, made 15 Sept. 1829, the daughters' names are Jerusha Seymour, Nancy Wells, Eunice Seymour, Elizabeth Hammond, Rachel Lowry, and Thankful Beckwith.

Children:

i. JERUSHA[6], b. 24 May 1770; d. 5 Aug. 1862 ae. 92, unm.
ii. DAVID, b. 24 May 1772; d. 7 Sept. 1795, unm.
iii. NANCY, b. 17 Apr. 1774; d. at Newington, 22 Feb. 1851; m. at Newington, 16 Aug. 1825, THOMAS WELLS of Tolland, Conn.
iv. ELIZABETH, b. 19 Sept. 1775, m. after 1821 ——— HAMMOND of Avon, N. Y.
v. THEODORE, b. 22 June 1778; d. 6 Apr. 1842 ae. 64, unm.
vi. EUNICE, b. 24 Nov. 1780; d. 18 Apr. 1842 ae. 61, unm., "deranged 30 years."
vii. RACHEL, b. 12 May 1782; m. at Newington, 9 Oct. 1803, WILLIAM LOWRY. Removed to New York State.
176. viii. ELIAS, b. 23 June 1785.
177. ix. JEREMIAH, b. 27 July 1787.
x. THANKFUL, b. 4 Apr. 1790; d. 8 Jan. 1846; m. SETH BECKWITH.

85. ASHBEL[5] SEYMOUR (*Bevil*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Newington, Conn., 25 Jan. 1748, died at West Hartford, Conn., 31 July 1814 (1 Aug., aged 67, by church record); married first, at Newington, 13 Feb. 1777, ABIGAIL[6] WELLES, born 6 Apr. 1749, died at Newington, 4 Dec. 1786, daughter of Capt. Robert[5] (*Robert*[4], *Robert*[3], *John*[2], *Gov. Thomas*[1]) and Abigail (Burnham); married, second, 11 Sept. 1788, HONOR[5] WILLARD, born at Newington, 5 Nov. 1746, died at West Hartford, 13* Feb. 1819 aged 72, daughter of Daniel[4] (*Simon*[3], *Josiah*[2], *Simon*[1]) and Dorothy (Deming).

Ashbel responded to the Lexington Alarm in a company from Wethersfield. Later in 1775, he was sergeant in Capt. H. Welles' Co., 2d Regt., and again in 1776. In 1804, he purchased land in West Hartford of Aaron Seymour and Anne his wife. He deeded land in West Hartford to his son Erastus, in 1806. He was probably the Ashbel Seymour who was one of the early teachers in the parish of New Britain, some years previous to 1788.

The following letter, written in the early days of the War, when Ashbel was a young, unmarried soldier, brings us an authentic picture of the Revolution.

Endorsed on the back,

To
Josiah Willard
in Newington in
Weathersfield in
Connecticut

Cambridg June 19 1775

I have now an opportunity to Right to you to inform you that throu the Goodness of God I am alive & well Notwith Standing the many hazards I have bin in of Late. Last Satterday was a day wich New england Never beheld the Scene before Cannons Roaring drums Beating Bells Ringing to Alarm her sons to go fourth in her defense & to spill their Precious Blood to save her from Ruing & misery Last Satterday the Battel began about 2 Clock in the afternoon & Lasted near 3 hours Grape Shot & musket balls as thick as Hail had not the Lord been on our side thousands must have fell but our lives wear spared so that we hope that 50 is the moste that are dead. Aboute as many more wounded their is 4 of our Company missing we suppose one dead 3 wounded Not mortally Wilson Roulinson, Roger Fox, Larance Sullivan Garshum Smith Dead newington people are well excep Daniel Demuns finger Shot of

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* Family Bible at Payson, Ill., says 10 Feb. 1819, ae. 72 y.

In battel Some Shot throu their cloaths A remarcable providence that we were preserved For the Regulars stormed our entrenchment we was obliged to Retreat they firing upon us A mile their was above 4000 of the enimy tis supposed. It was thought we took an imprudent step by going so near the mouth of their cannon to entrench For they played upon us on three Sides with cannon.

Charlestown is all burnt down they intend to burn Cambrig.

Received yours dated June 12 which informs me that you are well & all your fathers family I remember my Love to them all & to all Enquirers

I subscribe my name

Ashbel Seymoure.

[From "The Revolutionary War Letters of Captain Roger Welles," Hartford, 1932, pp. 34-5.]

Children by first wife, born at Newington:

178. i. ASHBEL[6], b. 6 Dec. 1777.
179. ii. ERASTUS, b. 2 July 1779.
180. iii. BEVIL, b. 4 Sept. 1782.

Children by second wife:

181. iv. MARTIN, b. 24 Aug. 1789.
v. HONOR, bapt. 26 Feb. 1792; d. young.

86. ZACHARIAH[5] SEYMOUR (*Zachariah*[4], *Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 4 Jan. 1759, died at Canandaigua, N. Y., 2 July 1822; married at Pittsfield, Mass., 5 May 1786, ELIZABETH[5] COLT, born at North Lyme, Conn., 6 Mar. 1764, died at Canandaigua, 30 June 1850, daughter of Harris[4] (*Benjamin*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Elizabeth (Turner).

While residing in Wethersfield, Conn., he enlisted, May 1777, as a private in Col. S. B. Webb's Regt., and was afterwards appointed Corporal. Three years later, when his term expired, he was transferred to the Commissary Department, as Deputy to Col. Oliver Phelps, where he remained until the close of the war. He was then for a time in the Comptroller's office at Hartford.

After his marriage, he settled first in Pittsfield, Mass., and then in Hudson, N. Y. Soon after 1800, he removed to Canandaigua, where he was the Agent of the School Fund of Connecticut until his death. He also held the position of President of the Utica Branch Bank in Canandaigua, and was of the vestry of St. John's Church. He formed one of the expedition sent in 1814 to defend Rochester from an expected attack by Sir James Yeo, then cruising at the mouth of the Genesee River.

Children:

182. i. HARRIS[6], b. at Pittsfield, Mass., 11 Apr. 1787.
ii. HARRIET L., b. at Hudson, N. Y., 29 Jan. 1794; d. at Canandaigua, N. Y., 27 Aug. 1855; m. at Canandaigua, HENRY F. PENFIELD, proprietor of the town of Penfield, Monroe County, N. Y., s. of Hon. Daniel and Mary (Fellows).
iii. ELIZA, b. in New York, 9 Apr. 1796; d. at Canandaigua, N. Y., 14 Mar. 1873; m. 31 May 1814, SPENCER CHAPIN, a prominent merchant in Canandaigua.
183. iv. CHARLES, b. at Lyme, Conn., 8 Jan. 1799.
v. MARY B., b. at Canandaigua, N. Y., 12 June 1807; d. 10 Nov. 1828; m. PETER A. MOORE, a lawyer of Canandaigua.

87. JOSEPH[5] SEYMOUR (*Joseph*[4], *Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), baptized at Hartford, Conn., 23 Feb. 1751/2, died at Western, Oneida County, N. Y., in 1828; married ——— ———, born about 1755, living in 1820 aged 65.

He enlisted from Wintonbury, Conn., in May 1777, in Capt. John Harmon's Co., Col. Durkee's Regt., Conn. Line, for the war. He had been sentenced to two years' imprisonment in Hartford Gaol, for inimical practices, and fined £20. He stated that he had faithfully served the United States, and yet repented of his conduct and promised reformation, and asked to be released from prison upon his enlisting into the Continental service, which the Assembly granted on condition of his so enlisting and paying the cost of prosecution. He was discharged, Apr. 1780, at Middlefield, N. J.

He was made a freeman at Colebrook, Conn., 17 Sept. 1782; chosen Lister, 1784; and was still living there in 1790. He removed to Western, N. Y., about 1800.

Children:

i. POLLY[6].
ii. COLLINS, b. abt. 1782; d. at Western, N. Y., 14 July 1861 or 1862; m. at Western, 23 Mar. 1807, SARAH GOWDY, who was living at Western, ae. 81, in 1871, when she applied for a pension. He served in 1814 in N. Y. Militia, War of 1812. Children:
I. Joseph[6], b. 14 July 1808.
II. Caroline, b. 25 Aug. 1810.
III. Alice, b. 29 Dec. 1813.
IV. Angeline, b. 27 Nov. 1816.
V. James L. (twin), b. 22 July 1820.
VI. Jackson A. (twin), b. 22 July 1820.
VII. Juliette A., b. 5 Oct. 1822.
VIII. Harvey H., b. 3 Jan. 1827.
IX. Levi G., b. 2 May 1830.

iii. MARVIN.
iv. ALEXANDER, d. ae. 17.
v. GEORGE W., b. at Western, N. Y., in 1803.

88. STEPHEN[5] SEYMOUR (*Joseph*[4], *Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 9 June 1759, died ; married 20 Sept. 1786, MARIETTA GRISWOLD.

According to one account, he married ABIGAIL SIMONS of Colebrook. As he had children born before 1786, she may have been his first wife.

He bought land in Colebrook, Conn., from Samuel and Keziah Mills, 27 Jan. 1787. He was admitted a voter in Colebrook in 1798, but had been tythingman there in 1784. He moved over the line into Sandisfield, Mass., about 1800, and was living there in 1834; but in 1838 he removed to Granville, Mass., and in 1844 to Ludlow.

Allen, Lyman and Stephen Seymour were scholars in the Colebrook North District School in 1796.

He served as Sergeant in the Revolutionary War for three years; was at Peekskill, White Plains, New York, New Brunswick, and Monmouth, but not actually engaged in the battle at the last place. His application states that he substituted for his brother, Sergt. Joseph.

Children (incomplete):

184. i. ALLEN[6], b. 1781.
ii. LUCINA, b. 1784; m. Jan. 1806, LUKE DEMING, b. 23 May 1781, s. of John of Sandisfield, Mass.
iii. LYMAN, b. ———; res. Granville, Mass.; m. 28 Apr. 1811, JULIA PRATT. Child:
I. Sarah A. E.[7], m. ——— Brooks.
iv. STEPHEN, b. 26 July 1787; res. Sandisfield. Mass.; m. FRANCES MALLISON of Groton, Mass., b. 18 July 1787. Children:
I. Sarah Maria[7] b. 17 Dec. 1806; d. 29 Aug. 1880.
II. James Madison, b. 28 June 1809; d. 15 July 1859; m. 30 June 1837, Caroline Margaret Pitcher, b. 16 Dec. 1821, dau. of Rufus of Philadelphia, Pa. Children:
(1) Charles James[8], b. 5 Feb. 1840; d. at Brookline, Mass., 25 Mar. 1906; m. 14 Apr. 1880, Marie Larrabee, dau. of William Pelham Larrabee of Bath, Me. See below.
(2) Arabella, b. 1 Aug. 1843; d. 11 July 1879; m. 28 Apr. 1868, James Sherlock of Eastport, Me., who d. in 1878.
III. Charles G., b. 16 Oct. 1812; rem. to Aurora, Ill.
v. MARY, b. ———; m. LUCIAN HOLMES of Colebrook, Conn.
vi. JANE, b. ———; m. MYRON GAYLORD of Hartford, Conn.

CHARLES J.[8] SEYMOUR (1840-1906), a native of Colebrook, Conn., went in youth with his father to New York City. He enlisted on 23 Apr. 1861 as a Private in Co. A, 10th Regt., New York Volunteers. In August, he was commissioned Lieutenant and Aide-de-Camp to Brig.-Gen. Sickles, served as Lieutenant in Co. L, 2d Penn. Heavy Artillery, and resigned to assume the rank of Major, 25th Cavalry, New York Volunteers. He participated in the Shenandoah Valley campaign. He was honorably discharged for disability, 28 Jan. 1865.

Mr. Seymour resided for a short time in Newport, R. I., and spent the last years of his life in Brookline, Mass. He bought the alleged Seymour Bible containing spurious entries which the author has discussed at length in the Introduction.

89. BILDAD[5] SEYMOUR (*Joseph*[4], *Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Colebrook, Conn., 15 Jan. 1766, died at Turin, N. Y., 28 Feb. 1828 aged 62 years; married 16 Oct. 1794, JEMIMA HURD, born 13 July 1767, died at Turin, 24 June 1851 aged 84.

She was admitted to the Colebrook Church, 30 Sept. 1798, and he, 27 Oct. 1799. They removed to Turin, Lewis County, N. Y., about 1826. In Oct. 1826 they deeded property in Colebrook to Polly Cussey.

Children, born at Colebrook:

185. i. ALVA[6], b. 13 Nov. 1795.
ii. CAROLINE, b. 8 Mar. 1797; d. at Greig, N. Y., 14 Nov. 1873; m. at Colebrook, in 1817, JOSEPH GAYLORD, b. in 1792, d. at Greig, N. Y., 1 June 1879.
iii. CHLOE, b. 24 May 1800; d. at Turin, N. Y., 25 June 1851, unm.
iv. BILDAD, b. 20 Sept. 1803; d. 21 Apr. 1804.
v. ABIGAIL, b. 10 Feb. 1805; d. 23 Feb. 1880 ae. 75; m. in 1830, SYLVESTER HART, b. 2 Sept. 1803.
vi. CHILD, b. 17 Feb. 1810; d. 20 Feb. 1810.
vii. SUSAN, b. 18 Sept. 1813; m. CHARLES SHEPARD.

90. SAMUEL[5] SEYMOUR (*Joseph*[4], *Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 16 Sept. 1770, died at Norfolk, Conn., 18 June 1851; married 24 Nov. 1791, HANNAH ROCKWELL, born 29 July 1772, died at Norfolk, 18 Sept. 1860.

She was admitted to membership in the Congregational Church at Colebrook before 1815, he in 1815, and dismissed to the Church in Norfolk, the adjoining town, 18 Feb. 1832.

Children, born at Colebrook:

186. i. RUFUS[6], b. 22 Sept. 1792.
187. ii. ERASTUS, b. 23 Sept. 1794.
iii. SALLY, b. 15 Dec. 1796; m. 6 Feb. 1817, ERASTUS STILLMAN.
iv. MARGARET, b. 18 Mar. 1799; m. 29 Aug. 1821, ABIJAH WATSON.
188. v. SAMUEL, b. 3 June 1801.
vi. HARRIET ELIZABETH, b. 22 Apr. 1804; d. 1838; m. 20 Dec. 1825, JASON STILLMAN, b. 17 Aug. 1804, d. at Westmoreland, N. Y., 1878, s. of Appleton. She was dismissed on 9 Jan. 1831 from the Church in Colebrook to the one in Westmoreland, Oneida County, N. Y. She joined the Mormons in 1837. Jason Stillman died in Westmoreland in 1878.
vii. MINERVA, b. 7 July 1806.
viii. HANNAH, b. 11 Feb. 1809; d. 25 Mar. 1809.
189. ix. TRUMAN ROCKWELL, b. 30 Dec. 1809.
x. HANNAH MARIA, b. 7 June 1812.
xi. DELIA SOPHIA, b. 11 Oct. 1815; m. C. S. BARNES.

91. TRUMAN[5] SEYMOUR (*Joseph*[4], *Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Colebrook, Conn., 30 Sept. 1773, died at Western, Oneida County, N. Y., 7 Oct. 1833; married 19 Oct. 1795, MEHITABEL CHAMBERLAIN, born at Holliston, Mass., 4 Aug. 1774, died at Oberlin, Ohio, in May 1859, daughter of Samuel.

He was a blacksmith; removed from Colebrook, Conn., to Winsted, Conn., about 1807; to Elmer Hill, N. Y., in 1815. "He was an ingenious mechanic, and much esteemed for his social qualities and obliging disposition." He enlisted at Winsted, Aug. 1813, for service in the War of 1812, and was at New London.

Children.

i. GEORGE[6], b. 2 Sept. 1796; d. abt. 1841; took his father's' place for a while in the War of 1812.
ii. ANN, b. 20 Oct. 1798.
iii. SOPHIA, b. 12 Nov. 1800.
iv. CHAUNCEY, b. 28 Nov. 1802.
190. v. ARAH B., b. 26 Sept. 1805.
vi. PARNEL, b. 11 Oct. 1808.
191. vii. TIMOTHY H. (twin), b. at Winsted, 5 May 1811.
viii. LUCY H. (twin), b. 5 May 1811.
ix. CAROLINE (twin), b. 4 Mar. 1814; m. ——— WEBSTER.
x. EMELINE (twin), b. 4 Mar. 1814; m. DANIEL BUTTS.

92. CAPT. JOASH[5] SEYMOUR (*Richard*[4], *Ebenezer*[3], *Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Waterbury, Conn., 1 May 1742, found drowned in a river 18 Nov. 1795, aged 54, at Watertown, Conn.; married first, at Waterbury, 2 Apr. 1764, MARGARET LOTHROP, who died at

Watertown, 26 Dec. 1771, daughter of John, of Nova Scotia; married second, 4 Mar. 1773, PHEBE BRONSON, born 30 Mar. 1754, died at Medina, Ohio, in 1835, daughter of Capt. Amos and Anna (Blakeslee). She married, second, in 1803, Stephen Sanford.

A grandson states that he was active in the Revolutionary War as a captain of militia. "He was engaged in the battle of White Plains, where he was wounded in the leg. He did good service at Norwalk; and reached Saratoga just too late to participate in the glory and danger of that brilliant engagement." He was commissioned Lieutenant, Apr. 1780, so his prior service was in the ranks.

Thomas Fenn, Esq., and Phebe Seymour both of Watertown were appointed administrators of the estate of Joash Seymour late of Watertown dec'd, 21 Dec. 1795. Inventory of above estate taken 30 Dec. 1795 by Darius Scovet, Samuel Reynolds and Abner Bradley.

Distribution of the estate of Joash Seymour late of Watertown made 18 Nov. 1796, between widow Phebe Seymour, heirs of Amos Seymour dec'd, Richard Seymour, Mary wife of Abraham Scott, Miles Seymour, Jacob Seymour, Margaret Seymour, John Seymour, Joel Seymour, and Lothrop Seymour.

Mrs. Phebe Seymour was appointed administratrix of the estate of Margaret Seymour late of Watertown dec'd, 5 June 1797. Inventory taken 22 June 1797. Items: a right in the house of Capt. Joash Seymour dec'd, land butting on that belonging to the heirs of Richard Seymour dec'd, bounded west on John Seymour's land.

Distribution of above estate made 25 Jan. 1798 between the heirs of Amos Seymour dec'd, Richard Seymour, Molly wife of Abraham Scott, Miles Seymour, Jacob Seymour, John Seymour, Joel Seymour, and Lathrop Seymour.

Children by first wife:

i. AMOS[6], b. 24 Sept. 1764; d. unm. before 18 Nov. 1796. He served as Captain in Gen. Wayne's Indian Expedition.

ii. RICHARD, b. 22 Feb. 1767; d. at Watertown, Conn., 5 Nov. 1836; a tailor; m. (1) SARAH B. DOUGLASS, b. 1766, d. at Watertown, 27 Aug. 1814, dau. of Alexander and Anna (Scott); m. (2) by marriage contract, 3 July 1826, BETSEY ROBERTS, who d. 13 Feb. 1847 ae. 59. Eight children.

iii. MARY, b. 11 Aug. 1768; d. at Weymouth, Ohio; m. ABRAHAM SCOTT.

iv. ELIZABETH, b. 12 Apr. 1770; d. 17 Feb. 1772.

v. MILES, b. ———; res. Watertown, Conn., and Weymouth, Ohio; a carpenter and builder; m. at Stockbridge, Mass., 10 Nov. 1795, HULDAH PERKINS. Three or more children.

Children by second wife:

vi. JACOB, was living at New Marlboro, Mass., in 1798, where he m. ANNE KNAPP.

vii. MARGARET, d. unm. 2 Apr. 1797 in 20th yr.

viii. JOHN, b. 26 Aug. 1780; settled after 1823 in Weymouth, Ohio, where he d. 5 Nov. 1852; m. 22 Dec. 1802, ABIGAIL[6] PECK, b. at Watertown, Conn., 24 Jan. 1782, d. 2 May 1851, dau. of Simeon[5] (*Jeremiah*[4], *Jeremiah*[3], *Joseph*[2], *Joseph*[1]) and Sarah (Merriman). Twelve children.

ix. JOEL, b. 1 Sept. 1783; d. at Hingham, Mass., 22 Feb. 1864; carpenter; Deacon; m. at Hingham, 25 Sept. 1806, POLLY[6] WHITON, b. at Hingham, 27 Apr. 1784, d. there 23 Nov. 1843, dau. of Zechariah[5] (*Daniel*[4], *Samuel*[3], *James*[2], *James*[1]) and Kezia (Wilder). Seven children.

x. LOTHROP, b. 14 Nov. 1785; d. at Weymouth, Ohio, 14 Dec. 1835; a millwright; m. 9 Aug. 1807, BETSEY BULL, b. 24 Jan. 1786, d. at Casco, Allegan Co., Mich., 12 Sept. 1872. Seven children. He was for many years High Sheriff of Medina County, Ohio; served as Lieut. in the Ohio Militia, War of 1812. His widow m. ——— Bradford.

xi. CHILD, bapt. 1 Aug. 1788; d. 6 Dec. 1789 ae. 1.

xii. CHILD, bapt. in 1792; d. 17 Oct. 1792 ae. 1.

93. SAMUEL[5] SEYMOUR (*Richard*[4], *Ebenezer*[3], *Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Watertown, Conn., 5 June 1748, died at Watertown, 28 Aug. 1836 aged 88; married at Watertown, 18 May 1780, MEHITABEL[6] DAYTON, born at Waterbury, 11 Sept. 1756, died at Watertown, 5 Oct. 1842 aged 86, daughter of Capt. Michael[5] (*Isaac*[4], *Samuel*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Ralph*[1]) and Mehitabel (Doolittle).

Will of Samuel Seymour of Watertown, dated 29 Apr. 1828, proved 22 Sept. 1836, names wife Mehitable, three sons (*sic*) and two daughters, and grandson; viz.—Isaac, Samuel, James Harvey and Sheldon, Sally and Mehitable, and my grandson George Truman.

Children*:

i. SAMUEL[6], b. 25 Mar. 1781; d. 22 June 1785.

ii. CHILD, d. 2 Feb. 1784.

iii. ISAAC, b. 7 July 1784; d. at Mt. Morris, N. Y., 27 Apr. 1836; m. in 1811, SILENCE BALDWIN, b. 27 Feb. 1789, d. 26 Feb. 1882. Nine children.

iv. SARAH, b. 24 May 1786; d. unm. 3 Oct. 1828 ae. 43.

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* Samuel Seymour had children bapt., viz.—3 July 1788, 1790, April 1792, May 1794, July 1798, Sept. 1800, no names.

v. SAMUEL, b. 24 May 1788; d. at Watertown, Conn., 3 Aug. 1864; m. in 1812, LURA[6] TAYLOR, b. 1792, dau. of Joseph[5] (*Ebenezer*[4], *Ebenezer*[3], *John*[2], *Stephen*[1]) and Ann (Wilson). Five children; see below.

vi. MEHITABEL, b. 20 May 1790; d. at Brooklyn, N. Y., 5 Dec. 1869; m. EDWARD DAVIS.

vii. TRUMAN, b. 2 Feb. 1792; d. at Wolcottville, Conn., 28 Sept. 1821; m. CLARISSA BANCROFT, b. at Torrington, Conn., 1793, d. 25 Apr. 1875, dau. of Noadiah and Jerusha (Loomis). One child.

viii. RACHEL, b. 19 Mar. 1794; d. at Wolcottville, Conn., 26 Aug. 1826; m. WILLIAM LEACH.

ix. JAMES HARVEY, b. 11 May 1798; d. at Wolcottville, Conn.. 5 Nov. 1872; m. 2 Nov. 1835, FLORA HOLLISTER[6] HUDSON, b. at Torrington, Conn., 6 May 1811, dau. of Daniel Coe[5] (*Daniel*[4], *Daniel*[3], *Daniel*[2], *Daniel*[1]) and Rhoda (Fowler). Two children.

x. SHELDON, b. 12 July 1800; d. at Watertown, Conn., 25 Oct. 1874; m. 7 Nov. 1822, HULDAH BARNES, b. abt. 1800, d. at Watertown, 19 Feb. 1870. Three children, and adopted a fourth.

SAMUEL[6] SEYMOUR (1788-1864) was a carriage maker of Wolcottville, Conn.; his widow was living when Rev. Samuel Orcutt was compiling his "History of Torrington" (1878), and he acknowledged his indebtedness to her for many items of information. They had four daughters and one son. The youngest daughter, Eliza[7] Seymour, born 25 May 1820, married 3 Nov. 1841, Hon. Lyman Wetmore Coe, founder of the Coe Brass Manufacturing Co., who served in both houses of the Connecticut Legislature.

Sarah Maria[7] Seymour (1815-1876), second daughter of Samuel[6], married 1 May 1838, Martin Brooker (1816-1874), and had six children, of whom the third was:

CHARLES F.[8] BROOKER, born at Torrington, Conn., 4 Mar. 1847, started work in the brass business when a lad less than ten years of age, under the paternal tutelage of his aunt's husband, Mr. Coe. He rose to be head of the business, and was its president after its amalgamation with other concerns as the American Brass Company. When the latter was merged with the Anaconda Copper Company, Mr. Brooker remained as an official. In 1925 it was written that as an executive he had directly or indirectly handled 6,000,000,000 pounds of fabricated output having a gross value of probably $1,400,000,000. He organized the American Brass Company, and lived to sell it for $45,000,000. What a chapter in American industrial history!

Mr. Brooker took a great interest in his mother's family, the Seymours. He was very kind and attentive to the author of the present book during his long illness following an automobile accident in 1925, and at that time spontaneously offered a large sum towards getting out the long projected history of the Seymour family, but the author did not then feel able to accept and prosecute the undertaking. In respect to his memory, we have paused here to show his Seymour lineage, and we append the tribute rendered him at the time the honorary degree of M.A. was conferred upon him by Yale University:

June, 1911.

Professor Bernadotte Perrin, the Public Orator of the occasion, presented Mr. Brooker for the honorary degree of M.A. in the following language:

M.A.

CHARLES FREDERICK BROOKER

Litchfield and Torrington, in Connecticut, saw the birth, education, and early business training of Mr. Brooker, and to one of the pioneers in the manufacturing industry which now dominates the Naugatuck valley, Lyman Wetmore Coe, who took the place of a father to him, he owes the schooling in large enterprise which has made him what he is. And he is, without question, the leading business man of our Commonwealth, at the head of our largest industry, in which employer and employed have no quarrels, while manufacturer and consumer keep on the best of terms. This certainly proves in Mr. Brooker's utterances a large supply of that Christian grace without which, as St. Paul assures us, a speaker is "sounding brass or a clanging cymbal."

It is needless to enumerate the many great offices and responsibilities of Mr. Brooker, or to apologize for the fact that he is a national figure in politics. He is such at the urgent solicitation of men who wished to raise the moral standards of their party, and he remains such against his own preferences, and with no desire for personal advantage. His character, personality, and honorable achievements ensure him the heartiest welcome into what the revered ex-President Dwight is so fond of calling "the Yale brotherhood."

94. Capt. Josiah[5] Seymour (*Richard*[4], *Ebenezer*[3], *Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Waterbury, Conn., 11 Oct. 1759, died at Watertown, Conn., 20 Dec. 1804 aged 46; married at Watertown, 7 Dec. 1780, Dinah[5] Doolittle, born at Waterbury, 2 Apr. 1759, died at Watertown, 22 Jan. 1824 in 65th year, daughter of James[4] (*Thomas*[3], *Abraham*[2], *Abraham*[1]) and Dinah (Welton).

Dinah Seymour and Samuel Seymour were appointed administrators of the estate of Josiah Seymour late of Watertown, dec'd, 12 Feb. 1805.

Division of above estate made between widow Dinah Seymour; Silas Seymour who is to have as a part of his share about 2 acres lying on the east side of Scotts Mountain undivided with Samuel Seymour; Josiah Seymour; Bela Seymour; Theolisa wife of Russell Dayton; and Wealthy Seymour. Agreement of the heirs signed at Watertown 19 Feb. 1807 by Russel Dayton and wife Eolisa Dayton, Silas Seymour, Josiah Seymour by his guardian Justus Dayton, Wealthy Dayton wife of David, Jr., Bela Seymour by his guardian Dinah Seymour.

The above were the heirs of Dinah Seymour under date of 16 Nov. 1825.

Children:

i. HELOISE[6], b. 17 Feb. 1783; m. RUSSELL DAYTON.

ii. SILAS, b. 8 Dec. 1785; d. at West Winfield, N. Y., 30 Mar. 1841; was living at Paris, N. Y., in 1807, Clinton, N. Y., in 1810, and Whitestown, N. Y., in 1825; m. HANNAH TOMPKINS, b. 22 Nov. 1788, d. at West Winfield, 18 May 1842. Nine children.

iii. JOSIAH, b. 23 Apr. 1787; d. at Coventry, N. Y., 3 July 1853; was living at Coventry, Chenango County, N. Y., in 1825; m. BEULAH DAYTON, b. 20 Feb. 1788, d. 20 June 1862. Seven children.

iv. WEALTHY, b. 18 Oct. 1788; m. DAVID DAYTON, JR.

v. CHILD, d. 10 Dec. 1790, aged 1.

vi. BELA, b. 8 Sept. 1793; d. at Watertown, Conn., 13 May 1869; m. (1) at Watertown, Oct. 1812, ELEANOR[7] WAKEMAN, b. at Greenfield, Conn., 1795, died at Watertown, 18 Aug. 1867, dau. of Eli[6] (*John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *Samuel*[2], *John*[1]) and Ruhamah (Goodsell); m. (2) MARY ———, b. abt. 1807, d. at Watertown, 16 May 1875. Four children.

95. GIDEON[5] SEYMOUR (*Stephen*[4], *Ebenezer*[3], *Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Waterbury, Conn., 24 Sept. 1741, died at Paris, N. Y., 6 Apr. 1804; married at Waterbury, 3 Dec. 1761, RUTH[4] PRINDLE, born at Waterbury, 18 Mar. 1742, died at Paris, N. Y., 1 Nov. 1823, daughter of Nathan[3] (*Ebenezer*[2], *William*[1]) and Mary Richason.

On 16 Nov. 1795, Gideon Seymour of Plymouth, Litchfield County, Conn., for £144, purchased of Asahel Porter of Westmoreland, N. Y., Lot 84 in Cox's Patent, Oneida County, N. Y. On 2 Feb. 1807, Chauncey and Thankful Hotchkiss, Adonijah and Sylvia Hotchkiss, Oliver and Ruth Barnes, Stephen and Lydia Turner, of

Paris, N. Y., John and Sarah Miller, of Richfield, N. Y., for £50, deed land in Paris to Salmon Seymour.

Sacred to the Memory of
Widow Ruth
Seymour
who
Died Nov. 1, 1823
Aged 82
Years.

In
Memory
of
Gideon Seym-
our who died
April 6
1804
Aged 63
Years.

Children:

i. SARAH[6], b. 17 June 1762; d. 2 Nov. 1775.

ii. THANKFUL, b. 25 Feb. 1764; d. at Washington Mills, N. Y., 16 Aug. 1829, buried in cemetery adjoining Congregational Church at Paris, N. Y.; m. CHAUNCEY HOTCHKISS, b. at Cheshire, Conn., 10 Feb. 1765, d. at Washington Mills, N. Y., 11 May 1853, probably s. of Henry and Esther.

iii. SYLVIA, b. 26 Oct. 1765; d. at Paris Hill, N. Y., 19 Oct. 1835; m. 28 May 1788, ADONIJAH HOTCHKISS; moved to Freeport, Ill.

iv. ALMIRA, b. 4 Dec. 1767; d. at Paris Hill, N. Y., 15 Nov. 1805, ae. 38; m. 4 Apr. 1793, AMBROSE WETMORE.

v. SELAH, b. 5 July 1769; res. Paris, N. Y.; m. (1) 10 Oct. 1797, MARY BROWN; m. (2) 24 Feb. 1806, BETSEY BURRITT,* who m. (2) ——— Tuttle. He was commissioned Ensign in the Herkimer County Militia, 1796, and Lieutenant, 1797; replaced (in what had then become the Oneida County Militia) 1802. Five children.

vi. SALA, b. 4 Apr. 1771; d. 20 Oct. 1775.

vii. RUTH, b. 21 Jan. 1773; d. at Silver Creek, N. Y., 17 Apr. 1845; m. REV. OLIVER BARNES, who d. at the Asylum of the Insane at Utica, N. Y.

viii. LYDIA, b. 12 Dec. 1774; d. 13 Apr. 1826; m. STEPHEN TURNER.

ix. SARAH, b. 5 Sept. 1776; d. at Brockton, N. Y., 5 Oct. 1866; m. JOHN MILLER, b. 14 July 1777, d. 12 Aug. 1851.

x. SALA, b. 21 May 1778; d. at Shabbona Grove, Ill., 23 Feb. 1855; m. (1) BETSEY BURRITT; m. (2) PHEBE NEAL; m. (3) in Oneida County, N. Y., 1837, SARAH LUCINDA HELM, b. abt. 1813, d. at Little Sioux, Iowa, 28 May 1877. Eleven children.

xi. SALMON, b. 2 Nov. 1779; d. at Westmoreland, N. Y., 23 Mar. 1843; m. 22 Dec. 1805, CLARISSA[6] GRAVES, b. at Plymouth, Conn., 23 Feb. 1787, d. at Westmoreland, 23 Jan. 1842, dau. of Benjamin[5] (*Cornelius*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Benjamin*[2], *John*[1]) and Eunice (Hale). Eleven children; see below.

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* But note the first marriage of his brother Sala.

xii. GIDEON, b. 22 May 1782; d. 28 Mar. 1817; m. 22 June 180–, HULDAH[6] CANDEE, b. at Oxford, Conn., 16 May 1782, dau. of Gideon[4] (*Caleb*[3], *Samuel*[2], *Zaccheus*[1]) and Amy (Andrus).

The youngest child of SALMON[6] SEYMOUR (1779-1843) was CLARA ELIZABETH[7] SEYMOUR, born 2 Sept. 1830, died at Chicago, Ill., 31 Jan. 1912; married at Kirkland, N. Y., 5 June 1855, JOSEPH MORRIS, born at Bethel, Vt., 14 Feb. 1819, died at Chicago, 23 Dec. 1905, son of Ephraim[5] (*Isaac*[4], *Lieut. Edward*[3], *Dea. Edward*[2], *Lieut. Edward*[1]) and Pamela (Converse). Their only surviving child, Tyler Seymour Morris, dropped the first of the three names, and was known as SEYMOUR[8] MORRIS. He was born at Utica, N. Y., 15 Feb. 1863, and died at Chicago, Ill., 27 Sept. 1921; married at Chicago, 18 Jan. 1888, IDA NESBITT TUCKER, born at Indianapolis, Ind., 4 Feb. 1866, daughter of William Stringham Snyder and Martha Ann (Nesbitt), a descendant of Gov. William Bradford, John Alden, and Thomas Rogers of the *Mayflower*, and of Gov. Thomas Dudley of Massachusetts. A sketch of Mr. Morris, to whose work the present volume is greatly indebted, is appended. His only child is SEYMOUR TUCKER[9] MORRIS, born at Chicago, 28 Nov. 1890, married at Evanston, Ill., 30 June 1915, MARGARET ARMOUR, born 6 Apr. 1887, daughter of M. Cochrane and Maria Tomlinson (Higgins), and has children.

SEYMOUR[8] MORRIS was educated in the public schools of Utica, and, after the removal of his parents to Chicago in Apr. 1875, in those of the latter city, and was graduated at the Chicago High School in 1880. On 6 Sept. 1880 he entered the office of Judge Lucius B. Otis, in the real estate and renting business at 142 LaSalle Street, Chicago. Later he engaged in business by himself, and, his sound judgment in financial matters being widely recognized, he was selected as trustee of the L. Z. Leiter and many other large estates and became a director in a number of important financial organizations.

During the World War, Mr. Morris was appointed chairman of Exemption Appeal Board No. 2, of the Northern District of Illinois, and served in that capacity until the end of the War.

He was greatly interested in genealogical research, and had collected a library of some six thousand volumes, consisting chiefly of genealogies, vital records, and New England town histories. His

published works include "Ephraim and Pamela (Converse) Morris, Their Ancestors and Descendants," 1894, "The Tucker Genealogy," 1901, and "Richard Seymour of Hartford and Norwalk, Conn., and Some of His Descendants," which was begun in *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, vol. 72, and continued in vol. 73, but was not finished when Mr. Morris died. His manuscript collections have been used extensively in the preparation of the present volume. He also edited several volumes of publications of the Illinois Societies of Mayflower Descendants, Colonial Wars, and the Sons of the American Revolution.

He was the prime mover in the organization of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois, a life member of the Society of Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a founder and one of the incorporators of the Illinois Genealogical Society, a founder of the Society of Colonial Wars in Illinois, and a member of the Society of the Cincinnati, the New England Society of Chicago, the Illinois Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Pennsylvania Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America, the Chicago club, the Union League Clubs of Chicago and New York, and the Metropolitan Club of New York.

He had been adjutant of the Chicago Continental Guard, a military organization composed of members of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, uniformed and equipped similarly to the New York Infantry of the Revolution. In politics he was a Republican and in religion a Congregationalist, but for many years he held offices in the Third Presbyterian Church of Chicago.

96. ABEL[5] SEYMOUR (*Stephen*[4], *Ebenezer*[3], *Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Waterbury, Conn., 2 July 1745, died there 17 Nov. 1814; married first, at Plymouth, Conn., 19 Nov. 1767, DAMARIS[5] HUMISTON (*John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Henry*[1]), born 10 Feb. 1746/7, died at Plymouth, 12 Jan. 1794; married second, at Plymouth, 15 Dec. 1794, EUNICE DOOLITTLE, who died 2 June 1813 aged 68.

He was a miller, and settled in what is now Plymouth, Conn.

Administration of the estate of Abel Seymour late of Waterbury dec'd granted to Titus Seymour and Abner Blakeslee 2nd, 25 Nov. 1814. Distribution of above estate made 6 Mar. 1814 (*sic*, should be 1815, other dates are 1815) between Ziba Seymour, heirs of Lucy Blakeslee, viz.,—Manda and Norman Blakeslee, Martha Baldwin,

Titus Seymour, Polly Way, Abel Seymour, Damaris Blakeslee, Merrick Seymour, Dorcas Baldwin, and Robert Seymour.

Children by first wife:

i. ZIBA[6], b. 3 Oct. 1768; d. at Ashtabula, Ohio, 29 Oct. 1830; res. Litchfield, Conn., 1798, 1799 and 1805, and in 1816, Berkhamstead, N. Y.; m. (1) TRYPHENA SELKREGG, who d. at Plymouth, Conn., 19 Nov. 1794, ae. 22; m. (2) THANKFUL[5] BLAKESLEE, b. at Plymouth, Conn., 6 May 1775, d. at Litchfield, 21 Nov. 1806, dau. of Abner[4] (*Jacob*[3], *Ebenezer*[2], *Samuel*[1]) and Thankful (Peck); m. (3) 18 Mar. 1807, MARY WAY, b. 27 July 1770, d. 12 Nov. 1830, dau. of Joseph. Three children.

ii. LUCY, b. 3 July 1770; d. before Mar. 1815; m. ——— BLAKESLEE.

iii. MARTHA, b. 11 Mar. 1772; d. at Plymouth, Ohio, 18 Sept. 1841; m. at Paris, N. Y., 8 Jan. 1794, LEVERETT[5] BALDWIN, b. perhaps at Waterbury, Conn., d. at Perryville, N. Y., 10 June 1830, s. of Theophilus[4] (*Theophilus*[3], *Barnabas*[2], *Richard*[1]) and (perhaps) Sarah (Strong). In 1816 they were living at Smithville, N. Y. No children.

iv. TITUS, b. at Litchfield, 6 July 1774; d. at Plymouth, Ohio, 22 May 1845; m. at Plymouth, Conn., 17 Mar. 1799, LEVA BLAKESLEE, b. at Plymouth, Conn., 29 Mar. 1779, d. 31 Jan. 1851, dau. of Jude and Experience (Blakeslee). Six children.

v. POLLY, b. 3 July 1776; m. THADDEUS WAY. In 1816 she was living at Windsor, N. Y.

vi. ABEL, b. 13 Aug. 1777.

vii. DAMARIS, b. 4 Sept. 1779; d. 14 Aug. 1854; m. ABNER[5] BLAKESLEE, JR., b. at Plymouth, Conn., 21 May 177–, s. of Abner[4] (*Jacob*[3], *Ebenezer*[2], *Samuel*[1]) and Thankful (Peck).

viii. MERRICK, b. 29 June 1781; d. 17 Jan. 1834; res. Paris, Perryville, and (1816) Smithville, N. Y.; m. 21 Sept. 1808, NANCY JEROME, b. 17 Sept. 1788, d. 5 Mar. 1853. Eight children.

ix. DORCAS, b. 1 Feb. 1783; d. 1843; m. JARED[5] BALDWIN, b. 1782, perhaps at Waterbury, Conn., d. 1812, s. of Theophilus[4] (*Theophilus*[3], *Barnabas*[2], *Richard*[1]) and (perhaps) Sarah (Strong). In 1800 moved to Oneida County, N. Y. She was living at Plymouth, Conn., in 1816.

x. ROBERT, b. 16 Aug. 1785; d. at Plymouth, Ohio, 25 Mar. 1875; m. (1) 6 Feb. 1812, HANNAH JONES, b. at Plymouth, Conn., 22 Jan. 1790, d. 4 Oct. 1813; m. (2) 21 Dec. 1814, MELISSA COOK, b. at Wallingford, Conn., 15 Nov. 1788, d. 1 Feb. 1863.

xi. NORMAN, b. 8 May 1789; d. 20 Jan. 1792.

97. DANIEL[5] SEYMOUR (*Stephen*[4], *Ebenezer*[3], *Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Waterbury, Conn., 30 Oct. 1748; married at Waterbury, 2 Mar. 1772, ABIGAIL LIVINGSTON.

He was living at Windsor, Broome County, N. Y., in 1808.

Children:

i. JOHN[6], b. 17 Nov. 1772.*
ii. MARY, b. 29 July 1775.
iii. SIDNEY, b. 29 May 1777.
iv. ABIGAIL, b. 8 Sept. 1780 (perhaps a child of David).
(One child, d. 3 July 1778.)
Probably others.

98. DAVID[5] SEYMOUR (*Stephen*[4], *Ebenezer*[3], *Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Waterbury, Conn., 5 May 1750; married ACHSA[4] WELTON, born at Waterbury, 15 Sept. 1754, daughter of Stephen[3] (*George*[2], *John*[1]) and Abigail (Baldwin).

In 1796 they were living at Chenango, Tioga County, N. Y.

Children:

i. JULIUS[6].
ii. WILLIAM, b. 22 Feb. 1775; d. at Binghamton, N. Y., 27 Dec. 1848; m. (1) POLLY ANDREWS, b. at Oquaga, N. Y., dau. of Levi and Mary (Judd); m. (2) ESTHER BEECHER, who d. in 1823; m. (3) PHEBE WARNER. He was Justice of Peace for Windsor, 1812-1828; Judge of County Court, 1833; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-fourth Congress (1835-37). Five children.
iii. DAVID, called "junior," commissioned Ensign in the Tioga County Militia, 1806, Lieutenant, 1809, and Captain, 1811.
Probably others.

99. ZADOC[5] SEYMOUR (*Stephen*[4], *Ebenezer*[3], *Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Waterbury, Conn., 30 Apr. 1757, died at Pompey, Onondaga Co., N. Y., 2 Nov. 1845; living in 1840, a pensioner, aged 83, at Pompey; married at Norfolk, Conn., 19 Jan. 1786, NAOMI[5] MUNGER, born at Norfolk, 16 July 1765, died 24 Nov. 1840, daughter of Reuben and Elizabeth (Dudley).

He enlisted in the Revolutionary Army at Waterbury in Jan. 1777, marched to New Haven where he was taken with small-pox, and was there until he recovered in April. He then joined his company at Peekskill, in June marched to New Brunswick, and was in Washington's Army until Jan. 1780, when he was discharged at Morristown, N. J. He lived in Watertown, Conn., two or three years after the war, then removed to Norfolk, Conn., from there in 1790 to

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* One John Seymour said to have been born in Conn., 26 Mar. 1773; m. near Utica, N. Y., Rachel Miller, b. at Adams, Mass., 17 Feb. 1776. Children: Polly, b. 1794; Alexis, b. 1798; David Miller, b. 1801; John, b. 1804.

Galway, Saratoga Co., N. Y., where he remained seven years; then lived in Sherburne, Chenango Co., N. Y., until 1802, when he settled in Pompey.

Children:

i. HARRY[6], b. at Norfolk, Conn., 24 Dec. 1786; d. at Cazenovia, N. Y., 19 Jan. 1883; m. (1) in 1811, POLLY JOHNSON, who d. May 1843; m. (2) 3 Jan. 1844, LYDIA HALL, b. 19 Aug. 1806, dau. of John C. and Clara (Conkling). He was probably the Henry Seymour who was a Paymaster in the Onondaga County Militia, 1809, Brigade Quartermaster, 1809 to 1819, and Division Inspector, 1819. Only child, by first wife:

I. Charlotte M[7], b. 3 Oct. 1819; d. 27 Jan. 1843; m. 14 Sept. 1836, James R. Lewis. Two children; the only son was killed in the Civil War.

ii. ANNA, b. at Norfolk, 26 Oct. 1788; m. JAMES COVELL, of Junius, N. Y.

iii. NORMAN, b. at Galway, Saratoga Co., N. Y., 30 Mar. 1790; drowned; res. Albany, N. Y.; m. CYNTHIA LAMPHERE. Only child, a son, d. young.

iv. NAOMI MAHALA, b. in Saratoga Co., 31 May 1792; living (1882) at Somerville, Mass.;* m. 1813, SAMUEL SLOAN, who d. at Seneca Falls, N. Y., 1858, s. of Israel and Rebecca.

v. REUBEN, b. 23 Mar. 1794; d. 18 July 1873; m. 1 Jan. 1817, ALMIRA HAYNES, b. abt. 1795, living 1878. He served in the War of 1812. They lived at Pompey Hill and other places in N. Y. State, and for thirty years at Clinton, Iowa, where he died.

vi. AMY, b. 12 Jan. 1796; d. at LeRoy, N. Y., 7 May 1837, ae. 41; m. 8 Nov. 1815, HARVEY[7] HATCH, b. 19 Apr. 1792, d. at Sturgis, Mich., 21 May 1863, s. of Timothy[6] (*Timothy*[5], *Timothy*[4], *Benjamin*[3], *Jonathan*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Abigail (Porter).

vii. JAMES, b. 6 Nov. 1797; d. at Covington, Wyoming Co., N. Y., 21 Oct. 1857; m. in 1821, SUSAN OSTRANDER, who d. 14 Oct. 1854, dau. of Peter and Clarissa (Fordham). Nine children; two sons died while serving as soldiers in the Civil War.†

viii. ELIZABETH, b. 14 Dec. 1799; res. (1882) Fort Atkinson, Wis.; m. 22 Apr. 1830, JAMES BLISS, b. at Colerain, Mass., 4 Mar. 1798, living 1882. Four children.

ix. ELIZUR, b. 11 June 1803; d. at Pompey, N. Y., 5 June 1882; m. 15 Feb. 1827, REBECCA HOPKINS, b. 14 Sept. 1801, d. in 1886, dau. of Benjamin and Rhoda (Colt). Six children.

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* A real Daughter of the Revolution, at the age of ninety she carried on a vigorous correspondence with Miss Mary Kingsbury Talcott. Her daughter Susan Sophia Sloan married George O. Brastow, Mayor of Somerville and State Senator.

† The eldest son, Silas James Seymour, of Reedsburg, Wis., was a member of the Wisconsin Legislature, 1876 and 1877.

x. LUCY, b. 18 Mar. 1805; m. at LeRoy, N. Y., 17 Oct. 1826, ALEXANDER[7] HATCH, b. at Ballston Springs, N. Y., 7 Dec. 1801, d. at Trinidad, Colo., 18 Mar. 1886, s. of Timothy[6] and Abigail (Porter).

100. STEPHEN[5] SEYMOUR (*Stephen*[4], *Ebenezer*[3], *Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Watertown, Conn., 21 July 1759, died at Binghamton, N. Y., about 1839; married first, SALLY[5] BLAKESLEE, born at Waterbury, Conn., 20 Aug. 1768, died 4 Apr. 1822, daughter of John[4] (*Moses*[3], *John*[2], *Samuel*[1]) and Olive (Curtiss) of Plymouth, Conn.,; married second, ———, who died in Corning, N. Y., having married second, a Mr. Preston.

Before 1806, he removed from Connecticut to Exeter, N. Y. He was pensioned in 1818, giving his age as 58 and residence as Otsego, N. Y. He enlisted at Watertown, Conn., Jan. 1777, for three years under Capt. Joseph Mansfield, Col. Douglass, and was afterwards in Col. Meigs' Regt., Conn. Line; served out his time, and was discharged at Morristown, N. J., Jan. 1780. He enlisted again, at Kensington, Conn., Mar. 1782, in Capt. John Webb's Co., Col. Sheldon's Light Dragoons, Conn. Line, for three years; served until June 1783, when he was furloughed home and not recalled. He was living in Chenango, N. Y., in 1832. His family stated that he served in both the Revolution and the War of 1812.

Children by first wife:

i. VIOLETTA[6], b. [say 1790]; d. 30 June 1838; m. DAVID GREGG, of Richfield Springs, N. Y. Their son David was a law partner of Abraham Lincoln, and later minister to Honolulu.

ii. JULIA, b. [say 1792]; d. June 1844; m. DAVID MCCALISTER, of Binghamton, N. Y.

iii. ALMA, b. [say 1794]; d. 2 Dec. 1834.

iv. MARINA, b. abt. 1796; d. 14 Sept. 1853; m. CONRAD HAYES, of Burlington, N. Y.

v. SABRINA, b. [say 1798]; d. 12 Feb. 1829.

vi. LETTICE, b. 26 Sept. 1800; d. 28 Feb. 1832; m. WILLIS POTTER, of Burlington, N. Y.

vii. JUNIA, b. 10 Sept. 1802; d. at Batavia, N. Y., 21 Sept. 1872; m. POLLY SMITH, b. 11 Sept. 1806, d. 28 Mar. 1857, dau. of John J. Eleven children.

viii. JULIUS, b. 16 Sept. 1804; d. at Hamden, Geauga Co., Ohio, 17 July 1852; m. (1) in 1830, SARAH P. DUTTON, b. in 1805, d. 4 Apr. 1843, dau. of Benjamin and Clarissa (Thomas); m. (2) 25 Dec. 1845, LYDIA INGRAHAM, b. in 1812, d. July 1866.

ix. HENRY [Harry], b. 27 Aug. 1806; res. (1884) Mansfield, Pa.; m. 25 Sept. 1830, SIBYL GARDNER, b. at Burlington. N. Y., 11 Apr. 1806, d. at Mansfield, 11 Aug. 1884, dau. of George and Polly (Briggs).

x. SALMON, b. 11 Feb. 1814.

Child by second wife:

xi. SALLY, d. at Corning, N. Y.

101. AMOS[5] SEYMOUR (*Stephen*[4], *Ebenezer*[3], *Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Waterbury, Conn., 5 Sept. 1766, died at Greene, Chenango Co., N. Y., 20 July 1850; married first, at Waterbury, Conn., 11 Jan. 1787, SARAH COOK, born 7 Jan. 1767, died at Sharon, Conn., 3 Nov. 1809 aged 43; married second, 3 June 1810, OLIVE (CHAFFEE) STUDLEY, born at Sharon, Conn., 17 Oct. 1774, widow of Joshua Studley, Jr., and daughter of Joshua and Mary (St. John) Chaffee.

He was living at Plymouth, Conn., 1793 and 1804, at Sharon 1808 and 1812, according to deeds, and at Sheffield, Mass., in 1813. In 1819 he and wife Olive were living at Cairo, Greene County, N. Y.

Children by first wife:

i. ANNA[6], b. 27 Oct. 1787; d. at Ellsworth, Conn., 4 June 1819 ae. 31; m. 4 June 1809, JOSHUA BIGNALL[6] CHAFFEE, b. at Sharon, Conn., 8 Mar. 1781, d. at Ellsworth, Conn., 11 Mar. 1832, s. of Joshua[5] (*Joel*[4], *John*[3], *Joseph*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Mary (St. John). He married (2) 25 Dec. 1820, Hannah Birdsey, b. at Cornwall, Conn., 29 Sept. 1791, d. 28 Aug. 1886.

ii. ALBERT, b. 16 Jan. 1789; d. near Whitney Point, N. Y., 15 May 1867; m.

iii. HANNAH COOK, b. 16 Feb. 1795; d. 16 Aug. 1818; m. DANIEL P. NORTON.

iv. ERALBON, b. 24 Apr. 1797; d. 4 Mar. 1840; res. Greensboro, Ga.; m. 10 Apr. 1828, LUCY ELIZABETH MARY WINGFIELD. Five children.

v. MARY, b. 17 Nov. 1800; d. 22 Apr. 1861; m. TIMOTHY GREENE.

Children by second wife:

vi. SARAH ELIZA, b. 10 July 1815; living (1881) Greene, N. Y.; m. ——— KENNEY.

vii. HENRY CHAFFEE, b. 20 Apr. 1818; d. 3 Apr. 1862.

102. JONATHAN[5] SEYMOUR (*Eliakim*[4], *Jonathan*[3], *Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Kensington Parish, Farmington, Conn., 27 Aug. 1759, died at Otsego, N. Y., 26 July 1819; married at Kensington

Parish, Farmington, Conn., 15 Feb. 1787, ABIGAIL[6] HART, born at New Britain, Conn., 27 Oct. 1761, died at Hartford, Pa., 2 Jan. 1833, buried at Otsego, N. Y., daughter of Thomas[5] (*Elijah*[4], *Thomas*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Stephen*[1]) and Mehitabel (Bird).

He served as a soldier at Saratoga and with the Connecticut reserves at Yorktown. He was a blacksmith, and settled first at Kensington, Conn.; in Jan. 1794 removed to Otsego, N. Y., where he was a deacon in the church; "a very industrious man, honest, liberal, and faithful in all the relations of life."

Children:

i. NABBY[6], b. at Berlin, Conn., 31 Jan. 1788; d. at Amherst, Mass., 23 Aug. 1844; m. 16 Nov. 1809, JOAB TYLER, b. at Attleboro, Mass., 23 July 1784, d. at Amherst, Mass., 11 Jan. 1869, s. of John.*

ii. RUTH, b. 25 Aug. 1789; d. 6 Mar. 1875; m. WILLIAM A. BOYD, of Hartwick and Ovid, N. Y., and Monroe, Mich.†

iii. JOHN, b. 17 July 1791; d. 27 Mar. 1881; res. Harford, Pa., and Lyme, Ohio; m. 5 Jan. 1820, SARAH ATHERTON THACHER, b. at Attleboro, Mass., 30 Oct. 1797, dau. of Moses[6] (*Peter*[5], *Peter*[4], *Peter*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Peter*[1]) and Sarah (Read). Six children. In 1876, Mr. Seymour supplied a remarkably accurate and detailed account of his branch of the family, going back to Richard[2], to Chief Justice O. S. Seymour of Litchfield, from whom Miss Talcott obtained a copy.

iv. NANCY, b. 24 Apr. 1794; d. *s.p.* 11 Oct. 1831; m. in the Spring of 1831, REV. WILLIAM BRIDGEMAN.

v. GEORGE, b. 20 June 1796; d. at Otsego, 16 June 1825. He was educated at Auburn Theological Seminary, entered the ministry, and was preaching in Susquehanna Co., Pa., when his labors were arrested by a severe cold, which terminated in consumption..

vi. HART, b. 18 Jan. 1798; d. 18 Aug. 1868; occupied his father's farm, later lived in Franklin, N. Y., and Plymouth, Ohio; m. MERCY NORTH. Five daughters.

vii. MEHITABEL, b. 22 July 1800; d. 17 Apr. 1854; m. DR. CHARLES SMITH, of Lyme, Ohio.

viii. ALONZO, b. 19 Jan. 1805; d. 11 Mar. 1861; a tinner and merchant of Geneva, N. Y.; m. HULDAH ROSE. Two children.

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* Three sons (*Tyler*): William S., a professor in Amherst College; Wellington H., principal and proprietor of the Young Ladies Institute at Pittsfield, Mass.; and Edward G., principal and proprietor of the Young Ladies Seminary at Canandaigua, N. Y.

† A son, Erasmus J. Boyd, was principal and proprietor of the Young Ladies Institute at Monroe, Mich.

103. Col. Samuel[5] Seymour (*Eliakim*[4], *Jonathan*[3], *Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]), baptized at Kensington, Conn., 26 Sept. 1762, died about 1838 aged 76; married Polly Comstock, who died aged 82.

He was a blacksmith and farmer; removed from Kensington to Exeter, and Preston, N. Y., and afterwards to New Milford, Pa.

He was appointed Captain, Tioga County Militia, N. Y., 1792; second Major, 1797; and was Lieut.-Colonel Commandant, 1802 to 1807.

Children:*

i. Saxa[6], b. at Otsego, N. Y., 10 Feb. 1793; d. at Harford, Pa., in 1882; m. 25 Sept. 1826, Hannah Sweet, b. at Harford, Pa., 13 Feb. 1804, dau. of Elias and Abigail (Fosten). He was a merchant in Harford, Pa., an honest, industrious and successful man, and a Colonel in the Militia. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, in Capt. William Palmer's Co., 19 Sept. to 14 Nov. 1814. He was Postmaster for 25 years at Harford, Pa. Three children.

ii. Horace, a wealthy farmer at New Milford, Pa. Three children.

iii. Alvin J., a merchant at Susquehanna, Pa. No children.

iv. Samuel, a merchant at Susquehanna, Pa. One child.

v. Lucy, m. and lived in Illinois.

vi. Sally, b. in 1802; d. at Harford, Susquehanna Co., Pa., in 1843.

vii. Polly, m. ——— Sweet of Harford, Pa.

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* Two others died young.

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN[2] SEYMOUR

Having completed an account of the descendants of Richard[1] Seymour through the sixth generation, we drop here the branches of Thomas[2] and Richard,[2] and devote the rest of the volume to the family of John.[2] Descendants are too numerous for the author to trace the family in all its ramifications to the present day. The descendants of John[2] multiplied more rapidly than those of Thomas[2] and Richard[2] combined, therefore this section of the book is concerned with more than half of the Colonist's progeny, and the author perforce leaves to others the task of completing the descendants of Thomas[2] and Richard[2], extensive material for which will be found in the manuscript collections of the late Mary Kingsbury Talcott, of the late Seymour Morris, and of Miss Anna E. Crawford.

The family of John[2] Seymour, besides being the most numerous branch, was also the most productive of men and women of distinction. While attempting to trace all the lines deriving from John[2] Seymour at least as far as 1880-1900, the period of Miss Talcott's activity in collecting data, the author has amplified the history of certain family groups with whom he was personally acquainted or in whom he felt a special interest.

104. ELISHA[6] SEYMOUR (*Elisha*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), baptized at West Hartford, Conn., 27 Jan. 1744, died 20 Oct. 1776 "of putrid fever, belonging to the army"; married at West Hartford, 13 June 1762, RHODA[6] SEDGWICK, born about 1744, died at New Hartford, N. Y., 20 Dec. 1828, daughter of William[5] (*Jonathan*[4], *Samuel*[3], *William*[2], *Robert*[1]) and Elizabeth (Brace).

He served as Sergeant in Capt. Abraham Sedgwick's Company in Col. Chester's Regiment which marched to New York under General Lee in Jan. 1776, and was in the service from 19 Jan. to 28 Feb. 1776. He served again as Sergeant under the same Captain, going to New York in June 1776, and died during this enlistment. According to family tradition he died at home while on a furlough on account of illness.

Administration upon the estate of Elisha Seymour, Jr., late of Hartford deceased was granted to his widow "Hulda" (*sic*, given

as Rhoda in Vol. 23, p. 122, Hartford Probate Records), with Elisha Seymour of Hartford as surety; amount of inventory, £256. 4.4. The estate was insolvent.

Elisha Seymour, Jr., aged 17 years 8 months, son of Elisha Seymour, Jr., late of Hartford deceased, chose Jonathan Sedgwick of Hartford to be his guardian, 15 June 1780. Ambrose Seymour, son of Elisha Seymour late of Hartford, chose Eli Seymour as his guardian, 18 Jan. 1790. Edmund Seymour, a minor of about 15 years, son of Elisha Seymour late of Hartford, chose Theron Seymour of Hartford as his guardian, 28 Dec. 1791.

His widow married second, 16 Apr. 1787, as his second wife, Abel Andrus of Wethersfield, born 6 May 1735, died 11 May 1811.

Children, baptized at West Hartford:

i. ELISHA[7], bapt. 30 Jan. 1763; probably living in Wethersfield, Conn., 1790. In the 1790 Census, he had 3 males under 16 years and 1 female in his family.

192. ii. THERON, bapt. 3 Nov. 1765.

iii. HEMAN, bapt. 16 Aug. 1767.

193. iv. LUTHER, b. 3 Feb. 1770.

194. v. AMBROSE, bapt. 19 Apr. 1772.

vi. PRUDENCE, b. 23 Jan. 1774; d. at Utica, N. Y., 29 Dec. 1863; m. at West Hartford, Conn., 18 Oct. 1795, EBENEZER DICKINSON, b. at Wethersfield, Conn., 11 June 1771, d. at Utica, 5 May 1845, s. of Ebenezer and Mabel (Dickinson). Twelve children.

195. vii. EDMUND, bapt. 12 May 1776.

105. ENOS[6] SEYMOUR (*Elisha*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), baptized at West Hartford, Conn., 18 Feb. 1750; married at West Hartford, 22 Nov. 1779, "Widow Belding," who was WEALTHY (SEDGWICK) BELDEN, baptized at Wintonbury, Conn., 19 Jan. 1754, widow of Ebenezer Belden who died in Camp 20 Sept. 1776, and daughter of Capt. Abraham and Abi (Brace) Sedgwick.

In 1790 they were living in Caughnawaga, Montgomery County, N. Y. In the distribution of the estate of Capt. Abraham Sedgwick of Lenox, Mass., 5 June 1798, his daughter Wealthy wife of Enos Seymour was named. Enos was a private in Capt. Abraham Sedgwick's Co., Col. Chester's Regt., and served in New York from 19 Jan. to 28 Feb. 1776.

Children:

196. i. HARDY[7],* b. 30 Jan. 1781.

197. ii. CHESTER, bapt. 15 Aug. 1782.

iii. FANNY, bapt. 5 June 1786; d. unm.

iv. ELISHA, b. 12 Apr. 1788; d. 23 Apr. 1875; soldier in War of 1812 in N. Y. Militia; shoemaker; m. at Fonda, N. Y., Oct. 1817, MARY CRYSLER, b. at Caughnawaga, N. Y., 26 Mar. 1792, d. 21 Oct. 1876, dau. of Adam. Children:

I. Levi[8], b. 29 July 1819; d. 4 Aug. 1822.

II. Adam, b. 13 Dec. 1820; d. 18 May 1861; res. Liverpool, N. Y.; m. Nancy Powers.

III. Huldah, b. 8 June 1824; d. 13 Mar. 1827.

IV. William Henry, b. 22 Jan. 1827; res. Gloversville, N. Y.; m. Emma I. Hale. Children:

(1) George Francis[9], b. 11 Aug. 1866.
(2) Winifred, b. 16 Jan. 1872; d. 5 Dec. 1872.
(3) James Harlow, b. 19 Nov. 1873.
(4) Edith Claire, b. 14 Aug. 1878.

V. George M., b. 26 Mar. 1829; res. Stillwater, Minn.; m. 9 Oct. 1851, Hannah Kingsley.

VI. Lucy M., b. 11 Oct. 1831; m. 19 Oct. 1853, Harlow Scofield, of McPherson, Kans.

v. ABRAM, b. 6 May 1798; d. at Mendon, N. Y., Apr. 1836; m. 29 Oct. 1829, EMMA DOUGLAS, b. at Deerfield, Pa., 13 Mar. 1805, dau. of Asa and Nabby (Hardy). Children:

I. Francis H.[8], b. 13 Oct. 1830; res. Elm Hall, Mich.; m. (1) 28 June 1863, Selina Wing, b. 25 Nov. 1833, d. 23 May 1864, dau. of William and Lois (Odell); m. (2) 28 May 1866, Cynthia Abbott, b. at Walsingham, Canada, 8 June 1840, dau. of Robert M. and Hannah (Sherman). Children by second wife, b. at Ferris, Montcalm Co., Mich.:

(1) Willie[9], b. 12 Mar. 1867; d. 23 Aug. 1868.
(2) Albert A., b. 2 July 1868.
(3) Robert A., b. 11 July 1869.
(4) Irving, b. 11 May 1871.
(5) Selina C., b. 14 Dec. 1873.
(6) Bessie, b. 3 Mar. 1875.
(7) Arthur R., b. 6 July 1876.
(8) Byron F., b. 31 Aug. 1879.

II. Wealthy A., b. 12 Aug. 1832; d. 3 Jan. 1854.

III. Abigail, b. 8 July 1835; m. ——— Ryan.

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* Baptized as "Arde."

vi. Enos, d. unm.
vii. Joseph, d. unm.
viii. Rachel, m. Ebenezer Wells. Five children.

106. Ebenezer[6] Seymour (*Elisha*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born about 1756, died at Rome, N. Y., about 1808; married at Farmington, Conn., 5 May 1777, Achsah Woodruff, born in 1755, daughter of James and Lydia (Curtiss).

He served in the 4th Co. (Lt. Charles Seymour), 1st Conn. Regt. (Maj. Roger Newberry), in the Campaign around New York in Aug. and Sept. 1776.

In 1790 the family lived in Herkimer, N. Y., and afterwards in Oneida County.

Children, first four born at West Hartford, Conn.:

i. Archibald[7], b. 20 Oct. 1777; d. at Mayville, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., 2 Apr. 1842; m. 1 Jan. 1802, Annis Young, b. 25 Apr. 1783, d. 25 June 1867, dau. of James and Hannah (Fuller). He was commissioned Ensign in the Oneida County Militia, 1806; Captain, 1811; and was replaced in 1811. He was a carpenter, of Lee, Oneida Co., and removed 1831 to Mayville, Chautauqua Co., N. Y. Children:

I. Alanson Archibald[8], b. 19 Dec. 1802; res. Lee, N. Y.; a carpenter; m. 13 Feb. 1831, Martha Adams, b. at Lee, N. Y., 20 Aug. 1809, d. 7 Apr. 1869. Children:

(1) Lucy Ann[9], b. 26 Oct. 1832; d. 20 June 1849.
(2) Hannah Elizabeth, b. 24 June 1835; d. 16 Feb. 1866.
(3) Achsah Jane, b. 4 Sept. 1837; d. 20 Dec. 1852.
(4) Dwight M., b. 21 Oct. 1842.
(5) Mary Martha, b. 16 Oct. 1848; d. 21 Mar. 1851.
(6) Mary Ellen, b. 30 July 1852.

II. Hannah Young, b. 27 Aug. 1804; d. 13 July 1845; m. 7 Apr. 1831, Joseph P. Hall, of Lee, b. 18 Aug. 1805. Five children.

III. Annis Amanda, b. 19 June 1807; m. 4 July 1823, Theophilus Williams, of Lee, b. at Sandy Hook, N. Y., 20 Dec. 1799, d. at Spencer, Ohio, 29 Oct. 1879, s. of John. Seven children.

IV. Achsah Maria, b. 28 June 1809; d. at Clymer, N. Y., 1 Feb. 1879; m. 12 Feb. 1829, Delois Lockwood Mead, of Lee, b. at Cambridge, N. Y., 27 June 1807, s. of Samuel. Six children.

V. Arnold Woodruff, b. 26 Oct. 1811; d. 3 Nov. 1811.

VI. Thomas Woodruff, b. 8 Mar. 1813; res. Mayville; farmer, and Clerk of Baptist Church; m. 27 Sept. 1838, Matilda

Green, b. at Newfield, N. Y., 2 Mar. 1821, dau. of John I. and Rachel (Mead). Children:

(1) George Washington[9], b. 13 Dec. 1841; a homeopathic physician, of Westfield, N. Y.; m. 4 Oct. 1866, Lucy A. Driggs.
(2) John Jay, b. 29 Apr. 1846.

VII. Andrew Jackson, b. 8 May 1815; res. Mayville and Summerdale, N. Y.; m. 25 Apr. 1838, Sally Bloomer, b. at Cherry Valley, N. Y., 9 May 1819, dau. of Benjamin and Mary Elizabeth (Darrow). Children:

(1) Alvan[9], b. 31 Jan. 1839.
(2) Hannah Abigail, b. 26 Nov. 1840.
(3) Andrew Benjamin, b. 7 Mar. 1843; d. 15 June 1843.
(4) Gilbert, b. 1 June 1845.
(5) Achsah Marinda, b. 22 Sept. 1847.
(6) James, b. 27 May 1850.
(7) Frank, b. 15 June 1852.
(8) Jesse Elliott, b. 22 Nov. 1854; d. 3 Feb. 1874.
(9) Jasper, b. 23 Sept. 1856; d. 7 June 1861.
(10) Adah Amelia, b. 7 Nov. 1858.

VIII. Sybil Miranda, b. 14 July 1817; d. *s.p.* 12 Feb. 1840; m. 5 May 1838, Aaron L. Price, of Mayville.

IX. Rozina Zeruah, b. 8 Feb. 1820; res. (1882) Mayville; m. 29 Oct. 1857, Alvin Y. Jones, b. 4 Feb. 1813, killed on Jones Island, near Richmond, Va., 16 June 1862, while serving in the Civil War.

X. James Harvey, b. 20 Feb. 1822; res. Gloversville. N. Y.; m. 11 Mar. 1856, Mary Leonard North, b. at Johnstown, N. Y., 2 Jan. 1832, dau. of Seth and Mary (Smith). He was a dentist for over 25 years, then engaged in the lumber business and in 1873 removed to West Meriden, Conn. Children:

(1) Flora Annis[9], b. 19 Apr. 1857; m. 29 Dec. 1875, Aland B. Paddock.
(2) James Harvey, b. 28 June 1860; educated at Columbia University.
(3) George Newton, b. 7 May 1865.
(4) Mary Jane, b. 8 July 1868.

XI. John Milton, b. 22 Apr. 1824; a builder, of Mayville; Superintendent of school; m. (1) 10 Oct. 1849, Mary M. Williams, b. at Fabius, N. Y., 8 May 1828, d. 19 Nov. 1858, dau. of Edmund and Esther (Barber); m. (2) Helen S. Burnett, b. at Bennington, Vt., 8 Feb. 1841, dau. of Martin D. and Sophia (Hazeltine). Child by first wife:

(1) Mary W.[9], b. 28 Oct. 1858; d. 18 Sept. 1861.

Children by second wife:

(2) Milton Dyer, b. 21 Aug. 1864.
(3) Edward Young, b. 29 Aug. 1868.
(4) Edith Annis, b. 3 July 1878.

ii. MIRANDA, b. 16 Sept. 1779, bapt. 15 May 1781; d. at Pavilion, Genesee Co., N. Y., 1 Aug. 1851; m. at Rome, N. Y., 6 Feb. 1803, AMOS HALBERT, b. at Pelham, Mass., 6 Apr. 1778, d. at Pavilion, N. Y., 7 June 1862.

iii. EBER, bapt. 15 May 1781.

iv. EBENEZER, bapt. 2 June 1782.

v. HARVEY, was County Judge in Ashton, Clark Co., Mo.

vi. DAUGHTER.

vii. DAUGHTER.

viii. DYER, b. 7 Sept. 1794; d. at Milwaukee, Wis., 20 Jan. 1864; m. (1) in 1814, ELINOR WILCOX, b. 23 Feb. 1795, d. Oct. 1843, dau. of Josiah; m. (2) in 1845, MARIA THERESA (HINCKLEY) DIMOCK. Children by first wife:

I. Myrinda[8], b. 28 Oct. 1815; d. at Milwaukee, 31 Dec. 1889; m. (1) abt. 1838, ——— Thurston; m. (2) in 1848, Dr. George Barber Miner.

II. Alva N., b. 2 Mar. 1818; d. at Herperin, Mich., in 1895; m. (1) Oct. 1842, Mary Ann Manly; m. (2) E. M. Briggs.

III. Antis, b. 25 Oct. 1820; m. Charles J. Thurston, of Milwaukee.

IV. Harvey W., b. 10 Apr. 1824; d. 19 May 1858, unm.

V. Jeanette, b. 1 Jan. 1826; m. William J. Bell, of Milwaukee.

VI. Marquis D., b. 7 July 1830; res. St. Louis; m. 8 Sept. 1860, Nellie Maine.

VII. Ellen A., b. 21 Aug. 1836; m. Melvin Crossman of New York City.

107. ELI[6] SEYMOUR (*Elisha*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 1 Nov. 1761, died at Palmyra, N. Y., 1 Apr. 1843; married first, at New Hartford, 27 Nov. 1788, AMY[5] MARSH, born at New Hartford, 20 Apr. 1765, died Jan. 1805, daughter of Moses[4] (*Capt. Jonathan*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Sarah (Merrill); married second, 10 Oct. 1807, SALOME (KENT) SEXTON, born 2 Sept. 1774, died at Palmyra, N. Y., 13 Apr. 1845.

He enlisted in the Spring of 1780 in Capt. Peleg Heath's Co., Col. Samuel Wyllys' Regt., Conn. Line, and continued in service until the Fall of 1783. He was one of the Provost-Guard at the trial of Major André, and one of the guard who attended him to his execu-

tion. He became a Quaker, and for that reason did not push his application for a pension. He removed from West Hartford to Johnstown, N. Y., from there in 1825 to Palmyra, N. Y., thence in 1836 to Erie, Pa.

Children by first wife:

i. ELISHA[7], b. 14 Nov. 1790; d. at West Hartford, 5 Dec. 1790.
ii. ABIGAIL, b. 27 Jan. 1792; d. at Palmyra, N. Y., 26 Mar. 1882; m. ——— WILSON.
iii. ELISHA, b. 27 Apr. 1794; d. Aug. 1805.
iv. GEORGE, b. 5 June 1796; d. 3 Jan. 1871; resided at Milford, Mich.; m. twice.
v. ISAAC, b. 26 Dec. 1798; d. at Gloversville, N. Y., 5 June 1828, killed by the fall of a house in a whirlwind; m. LYDIA RICE, dau. of Ebenezer; she m. (2) ——— Dustin. Child:

I. Isaac William[8], res. Beloit, Wis.; father of M. E.[9] Seymour, an electric engineer, of Cleveland, Ohio, who was connected with the L. S. & M. S. R.R.

Children by second wife:

vi. SIDNEY S., b. 18 Sept. 1808; d. 13 Mar. 1830.
vii. CHARLES C., b. 14 Feb. 1810; d. at Campton, Delaware Co., Iowa, 15 July 1866; m. (1) at Erie, Pa., 31 Jan. 1836, SARAH M. GUYLES, b. at Westfield, N. Y., 9 Aug. 1819, d. 1 Aug. 1857, dau. of Simeon and Hester (Fay); m. (2) ——— ———. Children by first wife:

I. Dewitt C.[8], b. 24 July 1838; res. Kansas; m. 25 Dec. 1869, Alice B. Niles.
II. Ruly A., b. 14 Mar. 1843; m. 20 Dec. 1864, John K. White, of Cleveland, Ohio.
III. Maria F., b. 7 Dec. 1848; d. 29 Jan. 1884; m. 7 Dec. 1869, L. H. Thompson, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Child by second wife:

IV. Charles, b. ———; res. Minneapolis, Minn.

viii. STEPHEN P., b. 12 Oct. 1812; res. (1883) Palmyra, N. Y.; m. at Canandaigua, N. Y., 6 Oct. 1835, ALMIRA NORTON, b. 15 Nov. 1814. One adopted daughter.

108. LEVI[6] SEYMOUR (*Elisha*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), baptized at West Hartford, Conn., 8 Mar. 1764, died at Greenwich, Huron County, Ohio, Oct. 1850; married HULDAH BEVANS, baptized 22 Sept. 1771, died Aug. 1838, daughter of Ebenezer and Huldah (Sedgwick).

He was living in 1792 at Kingsborough, and in 1798 at Johnstown, Montgomery County, N. Y. He was an overseer in the Society of Friends, joining a congregation in West Hartford, and continuing a member in New York State. He was one of the guards stationed at Newgate to watch the Tories and to protect the provisions kept there, during the Revolutionary War. About 1832 or 1833, he sold his farm in Johnstown and removed to Greenwich, Ohio.

Children:

i. MARTIN[7], b. 10 Mar. 1790; d. at Greenwich, Ohio, Feb. 1839; m. in 1813, RHODA COMSTOCK, b. at Williamstown, Mass., 28 Feb. 1788, d. 6 Mar. 1872, dau. of Medad and Elizabeth (Lamb). He was a carpenter, of Greenwich, Ohio; overseer in the Friends Church. Children:

I. Silas Dunning[8], b. 9 Jan. 1814; a minister, member of the North Ohio Methodist Conference for over fifty years; m. (1) 18 Oct. 1844, Nancy M. Banning, b. 1819, d. 1855; m. (2) 15 Oct. 1856, Caroline Adams, b. at Peru, Ohio, 27 Feb. 1818, dau. of Henry and Annis. Children by second wife:

(1) Carrie Dunning[9], b. July 1857; m. 25 Dec. 1877, Percy Cozzens, of Greenwich, Ohio.
(2) Rhoda, m. George Washington Faulkner.
(3) Louise Anna, m. Allan M. Hedrick.
(4) Maria, m. ——— Drake, of Berkeley, Calif.

II. William Waldo, b. 23 May 1815; a farmer, of Greenwich, Ohio; Trustee of the township several terms; m. (1) 26 Oct. 1838, Mary Gregory, b. at Lincoln, Vt., 1 Sept. 1812, d. 31 Aug. 1839, dau. of Selah and Mary (Wheeler); m. (2) 16 Oct. 1844, Mary J. Easterly, who d. 5 Apr. 1857; m. (3) 10 May 1858, Louisa Williams. Children by second wife:

(1) Martin E.[9], b. 23 Apr. 1846; m. 26 July 1870, Carrie Pemberton. He enlisted in Co. E, 3d Ohio Cavalry, 28 Dec. 1863, and was discharged at the end of the war; settled as a farmer in Ayr, Emmett Co., Mich.
(2) James H., b. 20 Mar. 1848; m. 9 May 1872, Eliza M. Warner. He enlisted 10 Mar. 1864 in the 32d Ohio, Vol. Inf., discharged 26 July 1865; then enlisted in the 17th Regt., U. S. A., and served three years, holding the position of Orderly Sergt. most of the term; became a contractor and builder in Shiloh, Ohio.
(3) William Waldo, b. 4 June 1850; m. 26 Sept. 1868, Eliza Halsted.
(4) Manning B., b. 25 Dec. 1852.
(5) Silas D., b. 1 Jan. 1855; m. 8 Mar. 1881, Elizabeth Neater.
(6) Mary J., b. 26 Mar. 1857; m. 1 Jan. 1873, Lucius Lyons.

Children by third wife:

(7) George, b. 14 Mar. 1860.
(8) Rhoda A., b. 20 Apr. 1861; m. 11 Mar. 1880, Ernest S. Moffett.
(9) Israel B., b. 31 Mar. 1863; d. 10 July 1865.
(10) Nancy M., b. 20 June 1865.
(11) Carrie E., b. 26 Oct. 1867.
(12) Robert, b. 9 Nov. 1873.

III. Manning B., b. 11 Nov. 1817; a poet of talent, drowned 4 June 1842, while attending school at Norwalk, Ohio.
IV. Edwin Comstock, b. Aug. 1819; d. Jan. 1862; res. Blackheath, Ind.; m. Margaret Drysort; she m. (2) ——— Thorlton. Child:

(1) Rhoda Tamson[9].

V. Samuel Maxwell, b. 22 May 1821; m. Susan A. Ressler.
VI. Huldah.
VII. Anna Abigail, b. 4 Aug. 1828; m. Harvey Underhill.
VIII. Mary, b. Oct. 1830; d. 18 Feb. 1834.

ii. MANNING, studied at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, 1821-2; m. MARY WOOD. Child:

I. William Wood[8], a clergyman.

iii. LEVI, blind, d. at Greenwich, Ohio, abt. 1854, unm.

109. ISAAC[6] SEYMOUR (*Isaac*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born about 1747, died at Hartford, Conn., 1 Aug. 1781 aged 34; married ABIGAIL WATSON, born about 1750, died 24 Dec. 1807 aged 57. She married second, Abel Saunders.

He lived next to the Charter Oak, or Wyllys place. Abigail Seymour widow of Isaac Seymour late of Hartford deceased was appointed administratrix of his estate, 16 Apr. 1782. Division of the estate of Capt. Isaac Seymour, late of Hartford, was made 16 Jan. 1796 between his late widow Abigail Saunders, only son Gurdon Seymour, and only daughter Abigail Seymour.

Children:

198. i. GURDON ISAAC[7], b. 8 July 1775 (or more probably, 1773).
ii. ABIGAIL, b. abt. 1776; d. 1826; m. at Hartford, 9 Dec. 1800, LEWIS[5] TERRY, b. at Enfield, Conn., 25 Sept. 1773, d. at Hartford, 15 Oct. 1858, s. of Elijah[4] (*Ephraim*[3], *Samuel*[2], *Samuel*[1]) and Sarah (Parsons). He m. (2) 13 May 1839, Mehitabel (———) Pease.
iii. CHILD, buried 5 Oct. 1778.

110. JAMES[6] SEYMOUR (*John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 12 May 1751, died there 28 Feb. 1814; married Jan. 1795, HANNAH COLLINS, born 29 Jan. 1769, died at West Hartford, 29 Oct. 1848, daughter of Seth and Lucy (Sedgwick).

He served as a naval officer in the Revolution; was in fifteen engagements with British vessels; was three times taken prisoner and once escaped from the prison ship in New York. But according to his widow's pension application he was a corporal; and received a bullet through his hat in the battle of Long Island.

The will of James Seymour of Hartford, dated 18 May 1810, proved 21 Mar. 1814, named wife Hannah and only child Harvey Seymour, now about thirteen years old. The inventory amounted to $4656.01.

Children, born at Hartford:

i. COLLINS[7], b. 22 June 1795; d. 20 Nov. 1803 ae. 8.

ii. HARVEY, b. 9 July 1797; d. at Hartford, 25 Apr. 1881; a banker, of Hartford, Conn.; m. (1) at Lenox, Mass., 25 Oct. 1831, REBECCA HUNT, b. 23 Jan. 1798, d. at Hartford, 5 May 1861, dau. of Benjamin and Abigail; m. (2) MARY TURNER ALLYN, b. abt. 1831, d. at New York City, 12 Dec. 1906, dau. of Lyman and Emma Allyn of New London, Conn. She m. (2) E. J. Henry of Princeton, N. J. Children by first wife:

I. Harvey B.[8], b. 12 May 1833; d. at Jersey City, N. J., 16 May 1894 ae. 61.

II. Mary J., b. 1 Mar. 1836; d. at Ironton, Ohio, 25 Aug. 1898.

III. Hannah M., b. 11 Sept. 1837; d. 24 Aug. 1860.

IV. James Collins, b. abt. 1843; d. at New York City, 27 Jan. 1913 ae. 70; m. abt. 1882, Cornelia Hubbell Ostrander. He was connected throughout his business life with the firm of H. B. Claflin & Co. Child:

(1) Cornelia Collins[9], b. 23 Oct. 1884; d. 21 Feb. 1888.

The family of HARVEY[7] SEYMOUR belonged to the literary circle in Hartford which acclaimed Lydia H. Sigourney as its poetic genius. His second wife had no children, and made many public bequests in her will. She left $2,000 for a window in Center Church, Hartford, in memory of her first husband, Harvey Seymour; $1,000 for the

poor of New London; $1,000 for a drinking fountain in New London; and $5,000 to St. James' Episcopal Church, New London. Miss Sigourney's lines to her friend, the first Mrs. Seymour, follow:

MRS. REBECCA H. SEYMOUR

Wife of Harvey Seymour

Died, Sunday, May. 5th, 1861

She found a painless avenue to make
Her great transition from a world of care
To one of rest.
It was the Sabbath day,
And beautiful with smile of vernal sun
And the up-rising fragrance from the earth,
And all that soothing quietude which links
The consecrated season unto Him
Who bade the creatures He had made, revere
And keep it holy. From her fair abode,
Lovely with earthly flowers, she took her way
The second time unto the House of God,
Side by side with her life's chosen friend
Walked cheerfully.
Within those hallowed courts,
Where holds the soul communion with its Sire,
She listening sate.
Yet then she leaned her head
Upon her husband's shoulder, and unmarked
By one distorted feature, by the loss
Or blanching of the rose-tint on her cheek,
Or even by the quivering of a lip
Rose to a more perfect worship.
It might seem
As if a sacred Temple, purified
By prayer and praises, were a place sublime,
Of fitting sanctity, wherein to hear
That inexpressive call which summoneth
The ready spirit upward.
But the change
In her delightful home, what words can tell?
The shock and contrast, when a mind so skilled
With ardor and efficiency to fill
Each post of woman's duty and of love
Vanished from all its daily ministries,
And the lone daughter found the guiding voice
Silent forevermore.

Her's was the heart
For an unswerving friendship, warm and true
And self-forgetful; her's the liberal hand
For those who pine in cells of poverty;
The knowledge of their state, the will to aid,
The thought that cared for them, the alms that blest.
Hence, tears o'er rugged cheeks fell fast for her,
And the old white haired pensioner knelt down
Beside her lifeless clay, and crossed himself,
Pouring his desolate prayer; for her kind heart
Saw in the creed of different sects no bar
To charity, but in their time of need
Held all as brethren.
'Twas a pleasant spot,
Amid fresh verdure, where they lay her down,
While the young plants that on a dear one's grave
Took summer rooting, seemed in haste to reach
Their yet incipient buds and tendrils green
To broider her turf-pillow.
Sleep in peace,
Ye, whom the ties of nature closely bound,
And Death disparted for a little while,
Mother and Daughter, sleep ye here in peace,
Your forms engraven deep on loving hearts,
As with a diamond point, till memory fades.

L. H. Sigourney

Hartford, May 10th, 1861

111. ROGER[6] SEYMOUR (*John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 23 July 1753, died at Lee, Mass., 23 Aug. 1826 aged 73; married first, ABIGAIL CLARK; married second, ROSE (HART) GOODWIN, born at Avon, Conn., 21 Jan. 1762, died at Lee, Mass., 18 Apr. 1829 aged 67, daughter of Ambrose and Martha (Tuller) Hart, and widow of Titus Goodwin of West Hartford (he died 9 Feb. 1804), to whom she was married 1 Sept. 1785.

He lived in Branford, 1790 Census (2 males over 16, 2 males under 16, and 4 females).

Administration on his estate was granted to his widow Rose, 3 July 1827. The estate owed the State of Connecticut $117.66, and Nathaniel Seymour $240.00. Roger deceased at Lee 23 Aug. 1826, leaving only two children, Alfred of Lee, and Sarah wife of Leman Clark of Beekmantown, Clinton County, N. Y.

Children by first wife:

i. BETSEY[7], bapt. at North Branford, Conn., 10 Mar. 1780; d. *s.p.*

199. ii. ALFRED, b. abt. 1784.

iii. SARAH, m. LEMAN CLARK.

112. ASA[6] SEYMOUR (*John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 16 Sept. 1757, died at Granville, Mass., 12 Feb. 1837; married first, at West Hartford, 14 Nov. 1781, ABIGAIL[6] DEMING (*Gideon*[5], *Gideon*[4], *Jonathan*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]), born at West Hartford, 30 Jan. 1759, died at Granville, 24 June 1805; married second, 18 Jan. 1813, NAOMI (SPELMAN) TINKER, born 18 Apr. 1771, died 22 Nov. 1851, widow of Martin Tinker, and daughter of Stephen and Deborah (———) Spelman.

He enlisted at Hartford, in Nov. 1775, under Capt. Sedgwick to go to New York for two months; enlisted again at Hartford in Aug. 1776, for two months, serving at New York; he was drafted in 1777 and again in 1779, in Capt. Noah Webster's Co. and served in New York State. He removed to Granville, Mass., in 1781 and was representative from Granville to the Mass. Legislature, 1812, and Justice of the Peace.

Children by first wife, born at East Granville, Mass.:

200. i. ASA[7], b. 23 Dec. 1782.

ii. ABIGAIL, b. 5 Feb. 1785; d. 14 Aug. 1863; m. at Granville, 22 Nov. 1808, TIMOTHY GIBBONS, JR., b. 9 Oct. 1783, d. 30 Nov. 1860, s. of Timothy and ——— (Hayes). Four children.

iii. LAURA, b. 23 May 1787; d. 15 May 1840; m. (pub. at Granville, 25 Mar. 1811), SAMUEL BUEL SPELMAN.

201. iv. ALEXANDER, b. 15 Aug. 1789.

202. v. ARDON, b. 4 Dec. 1791.

203. vi. WILLIAM, b. 21 Dec. 1794.

204. vii. ELIJAH, b. 15 Feb. 1797.

viii. RUBY, b. 11 June 1799; d. 21 July 1883; m. at Granville, 6 Apr. 1820, TIMOTHY WELLS GIBBONS, b. 19 Apr. 1793, d. 18 Aug. 1857, s. of Eli and Sarah (Wells).

205. ix. GIDEON DEMING, b. 18 Apr. 1801.

113. NATHANIEL[6] SEYMOUR (*John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, 23 Aug. 1763, died there 26 Feb. 1849; married SARAH[5] KELLOGG, born at West Hartford, Conn.,

6 Dec. 1761, died there 14 June 1834, daughter of George[4] (*Jacob*[3], *Samuel*[2], *Joseph*[1]) and Sarah (Clark).

Children, born at West Hartford:

i. EMMA[7], b. 18 Jan. 1790; d. unm. 24 Aug. 1882 ae. 92 yrs. 7 mos. (gravestone).

206. ii. HORACE KELLOGG, b. 21 Oct. 1791.

207. iii. EDWIN, b. 23 June 1793.

208. iv. MASON, b. 5 Dec. 1794.

v. NATHAN, b. 8 Sept. 1798; d. unm. at Hartford, 18 Oct. 1842.

114. JOHN[6] SEYMOUR (*John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 29 Jan. 1774, living at Hartford in 1814; removed to Black River, Turin, N. Y., in 1817; married LOIS[5] MARSH, baptized at West Hartford, Conn., 11 Apr. 1773, died at Houseville, Lewis County, N. Y., 28 Oct. 1843, daughter of Moses[4] (*Capt. Jonathan*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Sarah (Merrill).

Children, born at West Hartford:

209. i. JEREMIAH[7], b. 20 Feb. 1793, bapt. 20 Sept. 1805.

ii. CHILD, b. abt. 1795; d. 7 Apr. 1797 ae. 2.

iii. ORSAMUS, b. abt. 1797, bapt. 20 Sept. 1805; d. at West Hartford, 9 Nov. 1815 ae. 18.

iv. JOHN JASON, b. abt. 1799, bapt. 20 Sept. 1805; resided at Adrian, Mich.; m. at Rome, N. Y., 1 Jan. 1819, SUSAN BILLINGTON.

v. HORACE COLTON, b. abt. 1802, bapt. 20 Sept. 1805; d. at Turin, N. Y., Jan. 1824 ae. 22.

vi. LOIS MARSH, b. 14 Jan. 1805, bapt. 20 Sept. 1805; m. JOSEPH REED.

115. (DEACON) WILLIAM[6] SEYMOUR (*William*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at New Hartford, Conn., 15 Nov. 1754, died at Pomfret, N. Y., 22 Dec. 1841 and buried in Old Fredonia Cemetery, Pomfret, Chautauqua County, N. Y.; married at Stillwater, N. Y., 20 Mar. 1783, SARAH PATRICK, born 24 Oct. 1765, died 22 Mar. 1847, daughter of Deacon William and Elizabeth (Campbell).

He enlisted Mar. 1776 under Capt. Aaron Austin, Col. Burrell's Regt., Conn., and was discharged for illness, Oct. 1776; drafted Apr. 1777 under Capt. John Strong, Col. Burrell's Regt., and served as fifer; drafted Aug. 1778 under Capt. Nehemiah Lawrence, Col. Burrell's Regt. He removed to Canaan, Conn., in 1778, and re-

mained there about one year, then removed to Stillwater, N. Y. In 1780 he enrolled as a volunteer in Capt. John Thompson's Co., Col. John McCrea's Regt., N. Y. Militia, serving until the Fall of 1783. He lived near the "Yellow Meeting House" in Stillwater many years, was a blacksmith by trade, Town Clerk, 1803, 1806-7, 1821-4, 1826, and was for ten or fifteen years Clerk of the Congregational Society there. In 1836 he removed to Pomfret, Chautauqua County, N. Y.

Children:

210. i. WILLIAM[7], b. 28 June 1783.
ii. ELIZABETH, b. 9 Aug. 1785; d. 27 Dec. 1804; m. 2 Nov. 1803, MICHAEL ANDREWS; no issue.
211. iii. JESSE, b. 6 Feb. 1787.
iv. SARAH, b. 21 Feb. 1790; d. 19 Apr. 1869; m. THOMAS FELLOWS, of Stillwater and Fredonia, N. Y.
212. v. ERASTUS, b. 5 June 1791.
213. vi. JOHN, b. 15 Nov. 1792.
214. vii. EBENEZER, b. 15 Sept. 1801.
viii. ACHSAH, b. 18 Mar. 1804; d. 10 Jan. 1805.

116. NOAH[6] SEYMOUR (*William*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at New Hartford, Conn., 10 Nov. 1759, died at Sodus, N. Y., 26 Mar. 1832; married at New Hartford, 17 Dec. 1784, MIRIAM[5] KELLOGG, born at New Hartford, 6 Sept. 1765, died at Sodus, 11 Jan. 1846, daughter of Capt. Noah[4] (*Isaac*[3], *Samuel*[2], *Joseph*[1]) and Clemence (Merrill).

He served as a Private in 1777 in Capt. Abel Pettibone's Co., Brig.-Gen. Wolcott's Regt., Peekskill Campaign, and in 1778 for nine months as Orderly Sergeant in Capt. Amasa Mills' Co., Col. Roger Enos' Regt., serving on the Hudson; afterwards he enlisted in Capt. Elijah Seymour's Co. of Dragoons and served as Orderly Sergeant for six months.

He removed about 1812 to Sodus, Wayne Co., N. Y. The author well remembers that when he was a young man his father made a brief visit to his relatives in Wayne County, and was impressed with the beauty and fertility of their fine farms. The author made a "sentimental journey" in 1936 to the burial place of his great-grandfather and great-grandmother, and could not help feeling that they had done well in participating in the westward movement as so many families did after the Revolutionary War.

The inscriptions on the stones of Noah and his wife in Huron Evergreen Cemetery, next to the Town of Wolcott, N. Y., read:

Noah
Seymour
died
March 26 1832
Æ 72 yrs. 4 mo.
16 ds.

Miriam
Wife of
Noah Seymour
Died
Jan. 11, 1846
Æ 80 years 4 mo.
There I shall bathe my weary soul
In seas of heavenly rest
And not a wave of trouble roll
Across my peaceful breast

Children, born at New Hartford, Conn.:

i. NORMAN[7], b. 11 Dec. 1785; drowned 30 Sept. 1802 ae. 17.

215. ii. LOT NORTON, b. 3 Mar. 1788.

216. iii. LAUREN, b. 15 June 1790.

iv. HULDAH, b. 15 Mar. 1794; d. at Butler, N. Y., 30 June 1862; m. 3 Jan. 1816, JOHN ROE, b. at Derby, Conn., 16 Apr. 1794, d. 9 July 1876, s. of Daniel and Nabby (Tucker).* Children: 1. *Polly*, b. 24 Jan. 1817; d. 9 Aug. 1851; m. 19 Oct. 1836, James Park, of Wolcott, N. Y. 2. *John Seymour*, b. 10 Sept. 1818; d. 8 Oct. 1893; m. 25 Dec. 1844, Sophia Henderson, b. 19 Aug. 1823, dau. of Wooster and Vicey (Kellogg); res. on the old homestead in Butler, and had two children: (a) Jennie Estelle, b. 26 June 1847, m. (1) 19 May 1868, Columbus J. Viele; m. (2) Erastus Wilder, of Mich.; (b) Nellie M., b. 13 Mar. 1852; m. 21 Oct. 1879, Joseph M. Watson. 3. *Daniel*, b. 29 Dec. 1820; m. 10 Oct. 1843, Vicey Henderson. 4. *Henry Austin*, b. 16 Jan. 1822; d. at Madison, Ohio, 2 Sept. 1870; m. 1 July 1850, Lydia Houghton. 5. *Harriet*, b. 17 Oct. 1827; m. 17 Oct. 1853, Rev. Phineas Hough Wiles, of Savannah, N. Y. 6. *Hannah*, b. 17 Oct. 1827; d. 10 May 1841. 7. *Huldah*, b. 31 Dec. 1831; m. 18 Apr. 1855, Hon. John Edgerton Hough, of South Butler, N. Y., b. at Stone Arabia, N. Y., 10 Jan. 1825, s. of Azel and Fanny (Saltsman); had five children: (a) Azel Clarence, b. 15 Jan. 1859; (b) Jessie Edgerton, b. 19 May 1862; (c) Helen Roe, b. 2 Sept. 1863, d. 23 Dec. 1871; (d) Hattie Seymour, b. 17 Aug. 1865; (e) Ida, b. 11 Aug. 1869.

v. ESTHER, b. 14 Mar. 1796; d. at West Andover, Ohio, 7 June 1862; m. 7 Sept. 1815, JOSHUA LYMAN, b. at New Hartford, Conn., 26 Nov. 1792, d. 2 Apr. 1865, s. of Francis and Abigail (Cowles). Children: 1. *Julia*, b. 25 Apr. 1817; m. 30 Jan. 1840, Lewis

* Deborah (Brewster) Roe, grandmother of Huldah Seymour's husband, was granddaughter of the noted Rev. Nathaniel Brewster, graduate of the first class at Harvard College, and minister at Setauket, L. I.

Warner, of West Andover, Ohio. 2. *Cornelia* A., b. 3 Feb. 1820; d. 30 Mar. 1876; m. 29 Feb. 1860, Elijah Mason, of Decorah, Iowa. 3. *Sally Maria*, b. 2 Dec. 1824; d. 9 Feb. 1828. 4. *Frank S.*, b. 7 Dec. 1829; m. 20 Nov. 1851, Jane A. Snow. 5. *Adaline M.*, b. 11 July 1833; m. 5 Nov. 1851, Pelorus Root, of Antwerp, Ohio.

217. vi. HORACE, b. 26 Jan. 1801.

vii. JULIA, b. 6 Apr. 1803; d. in 1867; m. (1) JOHN LOVE of Wayne County, N. Y.; m. (2) THOMAS SWEET.*

viii. NORMAN, b. 16 July 1807; d. in Ohio, abt. 1857; res. Wayne County, N. Y.; m. LYDIA B. SHADDOCK, b. 20 Dec. 1808, d. 26 Dec. 1839 ae. 31 yrs. 20 days (gravestone). "Maria only Child of Norman & Lydia B Seymour Died Oct. 26, 1853 Aged 22 Y's 20 d." The epitaph on Maria's stone reads:

Dearest Daughter thou hast left us
Here thy loss we deeply feel
But tis God that hath bereft us
He can all our sorrow heal

117. DR. JESSE[6] SEYMOUR (*William*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at New Hartford, Conn., 4 Dec. 1763, died at Stillwater, N. Y., 6 Dec. 1811; married 5 July 1791, MARY WATSON, born 2 Apr. 1773, died at Stillwater, 8 June 1804, daughter of Cyprian and Dorothy (Benton).

He served in the Revolution, from 11 July to 3 Oct. 1781, in the Short Levies, Connecticut Line.

Children:

i. JAMES HENRY[7], m. (1) ELIZA ANDREWS; m. (2) her sister, ELSIE ANDREWS; had children.

218. ii. ISAAC NEWTON, b. 1795.

iii. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, b. 30 Sept. 1800; d. 7 Dec. 1860; m. MARY MONEY, b. 5 Dec. 1794, d. 17 Dec. 1865. Children:

I. Mary Jane[8], b. 8 June 1825; m. 7 Oct. 1845, Mark Tucker[8] Seymour.
II. Elias.
III. George Newton, b. 9 Jan. 1830.

iv. GEORGE WASHINGTON, lived near Cambridge, N. Y.; d. unm.

v. JOHN MILTON, went to sea, or "South"; not traced.

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* Statements conflict as to the marriages of Julia Seymour. One husband's name is variously stated as John Love and John Lake. She had three children by Thomas Sweet,—Edwin, Reuben and Alborn. Possibly Sweet was the first husband instead of the second.

118. JOEL[6] SEYMOUR (*William*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), baptized at New Hartford, Conn., 5 July 1772, died at Stillwater, N. Y., 30 Jan. 1841; married 21 Oct. 1798, ELIZABETH FELLOWS, born 22 Oct. 1776, died at Stillwater, 8 Sept. 1859.

Joel went to Stillwater at eleven years of age, to learn his trade of William, his eldest brother.

Children:

i. ESTHER[7], b. 11 Apr. 1799; d. at Stillwater, 28 Mar. 1864; m. 4 Sept. 1839, JOSEPH S. WOOD; no surviving issue.

ii. DANIEL, b. 24 Mar. 1801; res. Ballston, N. Y.; m. 7 Jan. 1846. JANE E. SCOTT, d. 8 Nov. 1875; one child; no descendants living.

iii. NORMAN, b. 31 Mar. 1803; res. Stillwater, N. Y.; m. 24 Sept. 1839, MARY ANN WEEKS, d. 2 Mar. 1860; had five children.

iv. JOEL, b. 2 Feb. 1806; res. New York and Mechanicsville; m. 7 Aug. 1834, ABBY GORDON KENNEY; had four children.

v. SARAH, b. 2 Sept. 1808; d. 26 Dec. 1886; m. 1 Jan. 1829, ELIAS BENTLEY, of Pulaski, N. Y.; had nine children.

219. vi. WILLIAM TELL, b. 19 Sept. 1811.

vii. ELDULA, b. 21 Mar. 1815; d. in 1892, unm.

viii. JOHN FRANKLIN, b. 2 June 1818; d. 3 July 1879; res. New York City; m. 20 June 1843, MARY[8] SEYMOUR, dau. of Isaac N.[7] and Elvira (Belknap); had six children.

ix. ROBERT WEIR, b. 25 Feb. 1823; d. at Newark, N. J., 8 Feb. 1892; m. 29 Oct. 1851, LUCY INGERSOLL PERKINS, b. at Norwich, Conn., 6 Feb. 1829, d. at Newark, N. J., 15 Sept. 1895. He was in the crockery business in New York City with his brother John. Children:

I. John Fellows[8], b. 16 Nov. 1852; in 1919 was proprietor of a book store in Sigourney, Iowa; m. in Buchanan County, Iowa, 4 Jan. 1877, Mary Winona Henderson, b. at St. Peter, Minn., 1 Sept. 1857. Children:

(1) Robert Henderson[9], b. 26 Oct. 1877; m. Alice M. Oldham.
(2) Elizabeth Winona, b. 17 July 1883; m. Joseph W. Peck.

II. Florence Clarissa, b. 30 Nov. 1856; unm.

119. SILAS[6] SEYMOUR (*William*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at New Hartford, Conn., 7 May 1777, died at Lebanon, N. Y., 2 Aug. 1845; married at Stillwater, N. Y., 2 Nov. 1800, SARAH GILBERT, born at Pomfret, Conn., 1 Apr. 1779, died at Lebanon, 5 Oct. 1850, daughter of Eleazer and Sarah (Weeks).

Children, first born at Stillwater, the others at Lebanon, N. Y.:

i. FANNY[7], b. 19 Dec. 1801; d. at Cherry Valley, Ohio, 6 May 1881; m. 10 Nov. 1819, AMOS SLATER. Twelve children.

ii. ELEAZER, b. 3 May 1803; d. at New Woodstock, N. Y., 20 Feb. 1864; m. at Nelson, N. Y., 1 May 1833, ACHSAH WELLINGTON. Children:

I. Addison[8], b. 23 Aug. 1835.
II. Erastus, b. 3 Oct. 1837; m. 22 Aug. 1861, Sarah Jane Snow.
III. Silas Hopkins, b. 3 Feb. 1839.
IV. Flora, b. 8 Aug. 1848; d. 20 Aug. 1848.

iii. LUCY ANN. b. 26 Jan. 1805; d. at Lebanon, N. Y., 15 May 1806.

iv. MYRANDA, b. 12 Sept. 1806; d. at Eaton, N. Y., 16 Sept. 1882; res. Lebanon and Oneida, N. Y.; m. (1) 3 Jan. 1829, PHEBE SABIN, who d. Jan. 1843; m. (2) at Morrisville, N. Y., 4 Oct. 1843, MELONA MARTIN, b. in Franklin County, Mass., 2 Mar. 1809, d. at Morrisville, 9 Oct. 1886, dau. of Eluna and Persis (Payne). Children:

I. Charles Martin[8], b. 26 July 1844; m. 8 Jan. 1868, Mary Janette King.
II. Henry Franklin, b. 16 Dec. 1845; m. 30 Apr. 1868, Florence Matilda Mahon.

v. HENRY, b. 15 Apr. 1808; d. at Lebanon, N. Y., 28 Feb. 1897; m. 15 June 1836, REBECCA HEAD; no surviving children.

vi. WILLIAM, b. 19 Oct. 1810; d. at Syracuse, N. Y., 29 Oct. 1883; m. (1) 31 Jan. 1839, MARY M. LEWIS, who d. Nov. 1859; m. (2) EMMA ———. Children by first wife:

I. Edgar W.[8]
II. Edith M.
III. Henry E.
IV. Eva.

vii. SALLY, b. 3 June 1813; d. at West Andover, Ohio, 12 Nov. 1884; m. 28 May 1832, MAJ. ALBA COLEMAN, who d. 4 Mar. 1864.

viii. MARIA, b. 3 May 1815; d. at Eaton, N. Y., 30 Nov. 1901; m. Oct. 1843, SAMUEL CLARK.

220. ix. ALFRED, b. 8 Jan. 1817.

x. CHARLOTTE, b. 14 Apr. 1821; d. at West Eaton, N. Y., 18 June 1888; m. 26 Dec. 1855, CAPT. JAMES D. WHITE, b. at Hudson, N. Y., 21 Apr. 1799, d. at West Eaton, 22 Oct. 1886.

xi. MARY, b. 14 July 1827; d. at Geneva, Ohio, 9 Jan. 1904; m. 6 June 1857, D. R. CARPENTER.

120. CHAUNCEY[6] SEYMOUR (*Uriah*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at New Hartford, Conn., 14 Dec. 1762, died there 12 July 1839; married first, at New Hartford, 2 June 1785, ISABELLE[6] SEDGWICK, born at West Hartford, Conn., 18 Oct. 1765, died at New Hartford, 8 May 1823, aged 58, daughter of William[5]

(*Jonathan*[4], *Samuel*[3], *William*[2], *Robert*[1]) and Miriam (Webster); married second, at Manchester, Conn., 3 Dec. 1823, ANNA (JUDSON) MAKINS, who died at New Hartford, 15 Jan. 1838, aged 65.

Mrs. Seymour's mother, Miriam Webster, married first, Elias Hopkins, second, William Sedgwick, and third, as third wife, John Marsh, whose first wife was Chauncey Seymour's aunt Lucina. Mrs. Seymour was descended from Maj.-Gen. Robert Sedgwick and Gov. John Webster.

On Town Hill in New Hartford, Conn., east of the residences of his father Uriah and brother Sylvester, was the house and farm of "Squire" Chauncey Seymour. We find mention of him in "Sketches of the People and Places of New Hartford" (1883, Section 1, p. 19): "He, like his father, was a man of intelligence and influence, and held various offices of honor and profit in the town. He represented the town in the Legislature in 1810, 1812 and 1813. He took a lively interest in education, and for many years was acting school visitor. He was also Justice of the Peace, and held other offices in the gift of his townsmen. Like his brother, 'Captain 'Vest,' as Sylvester was familiarly called, the Squire was a very thorough-going farmer, and was noted for keeping the best of stock." The homestead passed to the son Sedgwick, and from him to his daughter, Mrs. Stone, and son, Hudson M. Seymour.

His will, dated 16 Mar. 1837, proved 6 Aug. 1839, named wife Anna, specifying what she brought into the family; sons Ira, Chauncey, Jr., and Sedgwick; granddaughters Caroline Wheeler and Nancy Wheeler; daughters Polly Wadsworth and Lovicy Moore; son of my late daughter Eliza Watson; daughter Sally Watson; and granddaughter Eliza Moore. Son-in-law Royal I. Watson and son Sedgwick to be executors.

He was a member of the Conn. Legislature, 1810-13; and was appointed Captain of the 3d Troop of Horse, 6th Regt., 15 Oct. 1798.

Children by first wife:

i. DAUGHTER[7], b. and d. 14 Apr. 1786.

ii. NANCY, b. 25 Mar. 1787; d. at Canterbury, Conn., 18 Jan. 1809; m. 28 May 1806, WARREN WHEELER of Canterbury, Conn., b. 15 Dec. 1781, d. 5 Oct. 1862, s. of Jonathan and Mary; he m. (2) 8 Apr. 1812, Mary Waldo. Two children.

iii. IRA, b. 21 Apr. 1789; d. at New Hartford, 7 Aug. 1848 ae. 59; m. 22 Nov. 1813, MARIA[6] MARSH, b. 18 Nov. 1798, d. 8 Feb. 1881,

dau. of Roswell[5] (*Job*[4], *Jonathan*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Anna (Crow). He enlisted at New Hartford in 1813, and served as Sergt. at New London. Children:

I. Wellington[6], d. unm. in North Carolina.
II. Roswell.
III. Ann Maria, b. 10 July 1815; m. 27 Jan. 1836, Edmund[6] Watson, b. at New Hartford, 17 Jan. 1808, s. of Isaac[5] (*Levi*[4], *Cyprian*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Sarah (Phelps). He was a farmer, residing half a mile east of Bakersville; represented New Hartford in the Conn. Legislature, 1863.
IV. Isabel, m. Stanley Griswold, of Torrington, Conn.
V. Ellen, d. ae. 21.
VI. Son, d. unm.

iv. Polly, b. 4 Jan. 1792; m. Tertius[6] Wadsworth, b. 1789, d. 1851, s. of Seth[5] (*Hezekiah*[4], *Nathaniel*[3], *John*[2], *William*[1]) and Mary (Strong); lived in Chicago, Ill.

v. Lovisa, b. 23 May 1794; d. at New Britain, Conn., 5 Apr. 1872; m. 20 Jan. 1815, Perry Moore, b. at New Hartford, 25 Apr. 1791, s. of Abijah and Abigail (Drake). Nine children.

vi. Eliza, b. 2 May 1796; d. 13 Jan. 1827; m. 2 June 1823, Royal Isaac[6] Watson, b. at New Hartford, Jan. 1799, d. 12 Dec. 1853, s. of Isaac[5] (*Levi*[4], *Cyprian*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Sarah (Phelps). He m. (2) Sally Seymour, and (3) Celestia Hosford.

vii. Sally, b. 24 Apr. 1798; d. 24 May 1802.

viii. Chauncey, b. 29 Apr. 1800; d. at Omaha, Neb., 9 Dec. 1863; res. (1832) Morgan, Ashtabula Co., Ohio; m. Harriet Spencer, who d. 27 Feb. 1857 ae. 57. Children:

I. James Harvey[8], b. 9 July 1825; d. at Helena, Ark., 7 Sept. 1862; graduated from Grand River Institute, and became a physician; elected twice to the Nebraska Legislature; enlisted as Surgeon in the 1st Neb. Regt., Feb. 1862; m. 11 May 1854, Lucretia Robertson, b. at Hanover, Ohio, 15 Nov. 1832, dau. of Dr. James and Eliza Anna (Scott). Children:

(1) Eliza Robertson[9] (called "Lida"), b. 26 Mar. 1856; m. at Charlton, Mass., 25 Nov. 1880, William Harren Fiske.
(2) James Clayton, b. 14 May 1861.

II. Emerson Sedgwick, b. 21 Nov. 1827; d. at Omaha, Neb., 1 Apr. 1877; m. 15 Oct. 1856, Ellen Josephine Brown, b. at Farmington, Ohio, 26 Apr. 1836, dau. of Dr. Levi Clark and Esther Louisa (Owen). Children:

(1) Georgia Louise[9], b. 8 Dec. 1857.
(2) Leora Brown, b. 14 Feb. 1863.
(3) Clark Sedgwick, b. 15 Feb. 1870; d. 15 Apr. 1873.

ix. SALLY, b. 25 Feb. 1804; d. 30 Jan. 1844; m. (as second wife), 4 Feb. 1828, ROYAL ISAAC[6] WATSON, her brother-in-law.
x. ISABEL, b. 28 Feb. 1806; d. 13 Jan. 1823 ae. 17.
221. xi. SEDGWICK, b. 20 Sept. 1808.

MARIA[8] WATSON, daughter of Royal Isaac and Sally[7] (Seymour) Watson, and granddaughter of Squire Chauncey[6] Seymour, was born at New Hartford, Conn., 5 Mar. 1834, and became the wife of Charles H. Pinney, M.D. (1831-1893), a prominent and highly esteemed physician of Derby, Conn. She was proud of her Seymour blood, and would have been much interested in this book if she were living. Her portrait by Montague Flagg, as a young matron, shows a handsome face of regular features and forceful character, a woman distinguished for her good looks as well as for her dress. She possessed superior intelligence and vivacity, was fond of life and of fine things such as laces and jewels, and was a judge of horses. The author recalls her as she drove sometimes into New Haven behind a very fine pair of horses, to see him and to discuss the Seymour genealogy. She had traveled extensively in this country and in Europe, and her home in Derby was filled with souvenirs of foreign travel. The author has a pleasant recollection of her, her beauty and vivacity, and varied interests. In her girlhood in New Hartford, Mrs. Pinney had known the author's grandfather and grandmother Seymour.

Mrs. Pinney was very active in society affairs, being a member of the Mary Washington Memorial Association, of Washington; of the Society of New England Women, of New York; of the Order of Descendants of Colonial Governors; of the Huguenot Society of America; and of the National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America; and she was Regent of the Derby Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Her only son, Royal Watson Pinney, born in Derby, 25 Dec. 1860, has inherited many of his mother's characteristics and tastes. He was graduated from Yale University (B.S., 1885), and from the College of Physicians and Surgeons (M.D., 1888), having spent his summer vacations in Europe studying with eminent physicians in Germany and Vienna. Following his graduation in 1888, he was appointed a member of the staff of Bellevue Hospital and rose to be house surgeon. After that, he returned to Derby, where he acquired a

large practice and was appointed visiting physician at the Griffin Hospital. After the death of his mother in 1912, he gave up the practice of medicine, and has since devoted himself to his extensive real estate holdings and large financial interests.

121. Capt. Sylvester[6] Seymour (*Uriah*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), baptized at New Hartford, Conn., 17 Mar. 1765, died there 29 Aug. 1828; married at New Hartford, 25 Feb. 1793, Lucretia Gillett, born about 1772, died at New Hartford, 29 Nov. 1847, daughter of Michael and Lois (Douglass).

Administration upon the estate of Electa Seymour [daughter of Capt. Sylvester], late of New Hartford, was granted 12 July 1837. Distribution made 13 Oct. 1840 between Henry Seymour, Edward Seymour, Sylvester Seymour, William Seymour, Mary Ann Herrick, Nancy Barton, Thomas J. Seymour, and Elizabeth Seymour. Widow Lucretia Seymour holds a right of dower in the property divided.

Children:

i. Henry[7], b. May 1794; d. in 1878; m. Caroline Merrill, b. abt. 1793, living 1879. Children:
   - I. Henry P.[8], d. in 1875.
   - II. DeWitt C., res. Wis.; m.
   - III. William S.
   - IV. Kate, d. young.
   - V. Caroline, d. 5 Feb. 1883 ae. 52.

ii. Edward Dorr, b. 16 Mar. 1797; d. at New Hartford, 21 Oct. 1879 ae. 82; m. 6 Feb. 1834, Frances Andrus, b. 24 May 1801, dau. of Nehemiah and Sozeriah (Gillette). Children:
   - I. Frederick[8], b. 13 Apr. 1836; d. 31 Mar. 1842.
   - II. Charles E., b. 27 May 1838; d. 24 June 1847.
   - III. Frances E., b. 22 July 1839; unm. (1881).
   - IV. James, b. 13 Apr. 1842.
   - V. Sarah M., b. 24 Feb. 1847.

iii. Sylvester, b. 12 Oct. 1798; d. at Pittsburgh, Pa., 5 July 1861; m. at Syracuse, N. Y., in 1837, Eliza Ann Tousey, b. at Batavia, N. Y., 28 May 1813, d. at Cazenovia. N. Y., 29 Feb. 1884, dau. of James and Amy (Whipple). He was a successful manufacturer of clocks. No children.

iv. Electa, b. in 1800; d. at New Hartford, 13 Dec. 1836 ae. 36, unm.

v. William, res. Markezan, Wis.; m. Susan Wilson. One son.

222. vi. Thomas Jefferson.

vii. Mary Ann, m. ——— Herrick, of Meadville, Pa.

viii. ELIZABETH, b. in 1808; d. at New Hartford, 10 Jan. 1866 ae. 58, unm.

ix. NANCY, d. 11 May 1849; m. 4 Aug. 1842, LIVY LINCOLN BARTON, b. at Worcester, Mass., 21 June 1815, s. of Livy and Phebe (Clement); res. Meadville, Pa.; no issue.

122. CONSTANTINE[6] SEYMOUR (*Uriah*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), baptized at New Hartford, Conn., 22 Feb. 1767, living at Trenton, N. Y., 1826; married first, at New Hartford, 17 Feb. 1791, his cousin, ASENATH HURLBUT SEYMOUR, born at New Hartford, 5 Apr. 1768, died there Feb. 1818, daughter of Elias and Tryphenia (Hurlbut); married second, before 25 Feb. 1822, ELEANOR DOWD, born in 1779, died at Paris Hill, N. Y., without issue, daughter of Job and Lydia (Wilcox).

He removed to New Hartford, N. Y., and was elected Elder of the Presbyterian Church (First Church at Whitestown), 24 Jan. 1808. He was a large iron manufacturer.

Children:

i. HIRAM[7].

ii. HARMON.

iii. RALSAMON, b. abt. 1796; d. at New Hartford, Oneida Co., N. Y., 19 Feb. 1883 ae. 87; appointed Ensign, 1820, in the 134th Regt. of Infantry, Oneida County, N. Y.; m. LOIS ———, b. abt. 1802, d. 18 Nov. 1866 ae. 64.

iv. GEORGE.

v. ALLEN, of Redfield, N. Y.; m. ——— WILLARD. Children:

I. Willard Franklin[8], m. Sarah Ryan.
II. Elias.
III. Lucius.
IV. Mary.
V. Lucy.
VI. Joy.

vi. CONSTANTINE, bapt. 6 Mar. 1809; d. 20 Feb. 1811.

223. vii. CONSTANTINE ANDRUS, b. 14 Apr. 1811.

viii. CLARISSA.

ix. SABRINA, b. ———; m. ——— DODGE.

123. ABNER[6] SEYMOUR (*Uriah*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), baptized at New Hartford, Conn., 12 May 1771, died at Madoc, Ontario, 29 Sept. 1849; married in 1795, CHLOE ANDRUS, born 10 Oct. 1775, died at Trenton, N. Y., 18 Nov. 1845.

He was living in "Whitestown," N. Y., in 1804. He lived in Wolcott, N. Y., and Ingersoll, Canada.

Children:

i. HARRIET[7] (twin), b. 4 May 1797; d. 23 July 1826; m. in 1820, SAMUEL CARR, who d. in 1822. Four children (two sets of twins; the only child who survived, Harriet Caroline, was adopted by her uncle Uriah).

ii. HARRY (twin), b. 4 May 1797; was on a vessel which sailed from Boston and was captured off the coast of Algiers, part of the crew murdered and the rest sold into slavery; he was never again heard from.

iii. FREDERICK, b. 25 Sept. 1799; a foundryman and farmer; removed in 1826 to Fulton, N. Y., where he lived many years and for over half a century was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church; m. 15 Feb. 1826, MARIA GARDNER, b. at Washington, N. Y., 2 June 1806, d. 18 July 1882, dau. of Benjamin and Polly (Allen). Children:

I. Lucian Coman[8], b. 7 Feb. 1827; res. Fulton, N. Y.; m. 24 Sept. 1852, Mary Helen Mix.

II. Chloe Ann, b. 6 May 1829; res. Kingston, Ontario; m. 8 Oct. 1857, Allan MacLean.

III. Achsa Marion, b. 28 Oct. 1831.

IV. Lindley Allen, b. 13 Sept. 1836; res. Fulton; m. 9 Jan. 1861, Hephzibah Hewitt.

V. Francis Allison, b. 23 Mar. 1839.

VI. Frederick DeValois, b. 24 Oct. 1844.

iv. URIAH, b. 16 Sept. 1801; d. 21 Apr. 1867; res. Madoc, Canada; m. 11 June 1831, HANNAH JOP OLMSTED, b. 18 May 1808. Children, born at Wolcott, N. Y.:

I. Kirtland Henry[8], b. 17 July 1834; d. in 1836.

II. Frederick Elisha, b. 6 June 1838; m. 6 June 1877, Helen Josephine Wood, b. at Madoc, Ontario, 17 Feb. 1856, dau. of Alpheus Field and Eliza Ann (Ross). He was graduated from the University of Toronto, 1864; Gold Medallist in Modern Languages and History; for many years was Examiner in these subjects at the Toronto University; church organist; owner of an iron mine. Child:

(1) Theodore Frederick[9], b. at Madoc, Canada, 30 Apr. 1878.

v. CALISTA, b. 23 July 1804; m. 25 Oct. 1832, ANGUS TIBBALS, b. Nov. 1805, d. at Madison, Conn., 24 May 1848. One child.

vi. CYNTHIA, b. 5 July 1806; d. in Iowa; m. DANIEL SNYDER, of Holland Patent, N. Y., who d. at Madoc, Canada.

vii. MARY, b. at Wolcott, 2 July 1808; m. in 1843, ROGER OLMSTED, b. at Wolcott, 22 Apr. 1802, d. at Ingersoll, Canada, Dec. 1879.

viii. HORACE, b. 8 Oct. 1810; res. Madoc, Ontario; m. (1) EMILY WARD; m. (2) JANE LEGGO. Children by second wife:

I. William Frederick[8], b. 26 June 1856; m. 7 July 1879, Emma Louise Wooden, b. 18 July 1855.
II. Annie Lelia, b. 24 Sept. 1857.
III. Emma Jane, d. young.
IV. Jessie Ayton, d. young.
V. Marion Louisa, d. young.

ix. ELISHA, b. 11 Apr. 1813; d. at Trenton, N. Y., 10 Aug. 1836, unm.
x. ANDREW, b. 19 July 1815; d. 12 May 1847; m.
xi. CLARISSA, b. 2 Nov. 1817; d. at Ingersoll, Canada, 7 Aug. 1881; m. CHRISTOPHER HAIGHT.

124. JOSIAH[6] SEYMOUR (*Elias*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), a harness maker, born at New Hartford, Conn., 17 Oct. 1769, died 2 Mar. 1829; married about 1796, FANNY BRADLEY, born at Guilford, Conn., 1775, died 14 Dec. 1841, daughter of Timothy and Esther (Shipman).

Children, baptized at Whitestown, N. Y.:

i. CATHARINE[7], bapt. June 1817.
ii. FANNY, bapt. June 1817.
iii. JANE CAROLINE, bapt. June 1817; m. in 1820 or 1822, JONATHAN PELTON, JR., b. 7 Sept. 1797, d. 16 Sept. 1868.
iv. HARRIET ANGELINE, b. 24 Nov. 1807; d. in 1910; living at Utica, N. Y., 1 Aug. 1899; m. at Utica, 22 Oct. 1834, ASAHEL LANE[7] BECKWITH, b. at Paris Hill, N. Y., 26 Mar. 1808, d. at Elkhorn, Wis., 24 Sept. 1873, s. of David[6] (*Marvin*[5], *Reynold*[4], *James*[3], *Matthew*[2], *Matthew*[1]) and Mabel (Lane).
v. ESTHER MARIA, bapt. June 1817.
vi. LUCIA ANN, bapt. June 1817.
vii. CELIA E.
viii. BRADLEY.
ix. ELIZA H.

125. LEVERETT[6] SEYMOUR (*Hezekiah*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 17 Oct. 1774, died 10 June 1848; married 6 July 1800, SARAH WOODWORTH, born 18 Feb. 1781, died 3 Sept. 1848.

He engaged with his three brothers in the iron foundry business at Westmoreland, N. Y.

Children:

i. ERI[7], b. 21 Aug. 1804; d. 9 Mar. 1861; res. Utica, N. Y.; m. LOUISE ADAMS, b. 20 Jan. 1805, d. 28 Sept. 1891. Children:

I. John Arthur[8].
II. Catherine Antoinette.
III. Leverett Eri, b. 5 Sept. 1842; d. 17 Feb. 1898; res. Rome, N. Y.; m. 8 Nov. 1866, Adeline Mostizer, b. 31 Mar. 1840, d. 26 Nov. 1929. Child:

(1) Mary L.[9]

ii. SARAH, b. ———; m. (1) ANDREW KLINE; m. (2) W. HARRINGTON, who was killed in Georgia while serving in the Civil War.
iii. LOUISA, b. ———; m. (1) 1841, REV. A. P. BEEBE, of Vineland, N. J.; m. (2) JOHN W. REMINGTON, widower of her sister Hannah.
iv. HANNAH, b. ———; d. 8 Dec. 1847; res. Oriskany, N. Y.; m. 1841, JOHN W. REMINGTON, an architect, b. in 1811.

126. LIEUT. BRADFORD STEELE[6] SEYMOUR (*Hezekiah*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at New Hartford, Conn., 14 July 1781, died at Piermont, N. Y., 12 Aug. 1844; married first, MARY COOK; married second, Dec. 1834, PHEBE FITCH, born 18 Aug. 1798, died 4 Nov. 1843, daughter of Ebenezer Root and Sarah (Dow).

He was a machinist, and lived in Trenton and Westmoreland, afterwards at Utica, N. Y. He was commissioned Lieutenant of Oneida County Militia, 1811. He founded the Hecla Iron Works in Westmoreland, afterwards carried on by his sons.

Children by first wife:

224. i. ALBERT PHELPS[7], b. at Trenton, N. Y., 3 May 1807.
ii. ALFRED KELLOGG, b. abt. 1809; killed by falling of hardware store of Phelps, Peck & Co. in New York City abt. 1834.
iii. HEZEKIAH COOK, b. at Westmoreland, N. Y., 24 June 1811; d. at Piermont, N. Y., 24 July 1853; m. 9 Feb. 1836, MARY SHERRILL, b. at Stockbridge, Mass., 31 July 1815, d. 29 July 1865, dau. of Augustus and Clarissa (Wheton). He was State Engineer of New York; president of a railroad in Canada; Superintendent of the Erie R.R. Children:

I. Augustus Sherrill[8], b. at Ithaca, N. Y., 30 Nov. 1836; d. 19 Feb. 1897; m. 22 Oct. 1863, Nancy Ophelia Roberts Barton, b. 16 July 1838. Children:

(1) Cornelia Talcott[9], b. 17 Sept. 1865.
(2) John Barton, b. 4 July 1873.
(3) Amelia Thomas, b. 17 Mar. 1876; d. 10 Mar. 1877.

II. Louise, b. 22 Nov. 1838; m. 30 Dec. 1856, Elihu Reed Houghton, of Amherst, Mass.
III. Sarah, b. 8 Sept. 1840; m. 7 Sept. 1859, Matthew Henry Houghton, of Monmouth Beach, N. J.

IV. Clara, b. 20 Feb. 1843; d. 21 Oct. 1884; m. 15 Jan. 1869, Ammi Ruhama Dennison of Newbern, N. C.
V. Amelia, b. 27 Jan. 1845; d. 30 July 1873; m. 10 Oct. 1865, James Rochford Thomas, of New York City.
VI. Henry Cook, b. 28 Feb. 1847; d. 28 Mar. 1851.
VII. Mary, b. 3 May 1850; d. 2 Apr. 1855.

iv. SARAH, m. MATTHEW SEYMOUR HOUGHTON. Their son, Dr. Hezekiah Seymour Houghton, b. at Piermont, N. Y., 7 Apr. 1861, d. at New York City, 11 Sept. 1914.

v. BRADFORD STEELE, b. ———; d. at Manchester, N. Y., Oct. 1864; m. (1) in 1843, AMANDA SHELLEY, of Westmoreland, N. Y., who d. Nov. 1852; m. (2) in 1853, ROXANNA JOHNSON, who d. in Florida in 1879. Children by first wife:

I. Bradford Shelley[8], of Long Branch, N. Y.
II. Mary, m. B. T. Wood, of Piermont, N. Y.
III. Delbitt.

Children by second wife:

IV. Edward Johnson, of St. Augustine, Fla.
V. Henry Cook.
VI. Alice.
VII. Amanda.

AUGUSTUS SHERRILL[8] SEYMOUR (1836-1897) was graduated from Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y., July 1857, and from Prof. Theodore Dwight's Law School, 1858. He settled in Newbern, N. C., where he practised his profession. He was a member of the N. C. House of Representatives, 1868, 1869, and 1870; elected to the Constitutional Convention in 1871; State Senator, 1872, 1873, and 1874. He was appointed Judge of the Criminal Court of the City of Newbern in 1868; resigned same year. He was elected Judge of the Superior Court in 1874.

127. ASAPH[6] SEYMOUR (*Hezekiah*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 23 Feb. 1783, died at Yellow Springs, Green County, Ohio, 21 May 1863; married ABIGAIL[6] WEBSTER, born at Harwinton, Conn., 26 May 1785, died at Utica, N. Y., 28 Dec. 1851, daughter of Charles[5] (*Capt. Moses*[4], *Ens. William*[3], *Robert*[2], *Gov. John*[1]) and Hannah (Phelps).

He settled at New Hartford, Oneida Co., N. Y., and endured the toils of pioneer life in the heavy timber. After years of hard work on his farm and in his carpenter shop, he became a foundry man and

machinist. He removed to Utica, Oneida Co., N. Y., where he carried on the business of iron casting. He was Elder of the Second Presbyterian Church in Utica for many years.

Children:

i. Susan Webster[7], b. 13 Dec. 1810; d. 27 May 1849; m. at Utica, N. Y., 8 Oct. 1844, Oswald Backus, b. at Bridgeport, Conn., 10 Aug. 1808, d. 7 Mar. 1870. Two children. He m. (2) at Utica, 24 May 1854, Mary Parker Prentiss of Stockbridge, Wis., dau. of Solomon.

ii. Abby Ann, b. 13 Apr. 1813; d. 15 Sept. 1870; m. 26 Nov. 1840, Rev. Josiah Jerome Ward, b. 13 Apr. 1813, a Presbyterian minister at Michigan City, Ind., in 1868. Four children.

iii. Mary Eliza, b. 29 July 1818; d. 8 Sept. 1829.

128. Isaac[6] Seymour (*Hezekiah*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 11 Aug. 1788, died 11 Aug. 1857; married Sarah Savage, born at New Hartford, N. Y., 31 Mar. 1790, died 9 Sept. 1858, daughter of Gideon and Sarah (White).

He was living in 1823 in Westmoreland, N. Y.; res. Kenwood, N. Y. He joined the Oneida Community with his family.

Children:

i. Henry J.[7]

ii. A. J. [a son].

iii. Jane.

iv. Chloe, b. 26 Jan. 1834.

129a. Lieut. Nathaniel[6] Seymour (*Elijah*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at New Hartford, Conn., 21 Mar. 1777, died at Hannibal, N. Y., 4 Oct. 1854; married at Skaneateles, N. Y., 24 Jan. 1805, Lindey Gillett, born , died 2 Nov. 1835.

He was commissioned Lieutenant in the Onondaga County Militia, 1809.

Children:

i. Melvin Marsh[7], b. 21 Oct. 1806; d. 12 May 1878; m. 16 Oct. 1835, Almira Hill. Children:

I. Addison M.[8], b. 22 Nov. 1837; m. Kitty Steele.

II. Augusta H., b. 1 Jan. 1840; m. 17 July 1867, Moses Fowler. Three children.

III. Edwin M., b. 7 Sept. 1842; m. Libbie Bessie. Four children.

IV. Frank M., b. 2 Dec. 1845.

V. John M., b. 22 Feb. 1847; m. 8 Sept. 1870, Ida E. Reed.
VI. Augustus M., b. 12 Oct. 1848.
VII. Orville H. M., b. 4 Sept. 1854.

ii. Esther Bradley, b. 12 Oct. 1808; d. in 1850; m. (1) Aug. 1827, Erastus Nye of Skaneateles, N. Y., who d. in Florida in 1834; m. (2) James Sterling, of Drain, Douglas Co., Ore.

129b. Miles[6] Seymour (*Elijah*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at New Hartford, N. Y., 4 Feb. 1793, died at Battle Creek, Mich., 16 Apr. 1853; married first, Ann Southmayd; married second, 6 Sept. 1818, Mary Knapen, who died at Battle Creek, 12 May 1851.

He learned the blacksmith's trade, and settled in 1815 or 1816 in Ithaca, where he made axes. About 1823 he moved to Syracuse, where he carried on his trade. About 1831 he moved to Skaneateles and was in the employ of John Legg in the carriage business, and a member of the Presbyterian church. About 1843 he moved to Battle Creek, Mich., where he continued in the carriage business.

Children by first wife, born at Ithaca, N. Y.:

i. Mary Ann[7], b. 30 May 1815; d. at Jackson, Calif., 19 Dec. 1874; m. at Albion, Mich., 5 Apr. 1841, James Smith Trowbridge, b. 4 Dec. 1816, d. at Berkeley, Calif., 15 June 1896.
ii. Edward Cook, b. 16 Feb. 1818; m. 28 Oct. 1846, Harriet M. Hill of Danby. Children:
I. Louisa[8].
II. Edward.
III. Harry.

Children by second wife, two born at Ithaca, three at Syracuse (there were two others who died in infancy):

iii. Lucy Ann, b. 30 Apr. 1819; m. 18 May 1846, Rev. William L. Parsons, of Aurora, Ill., Milwaukee, Wis., and Mattapoisett, Mass., later of Ingham University; no children. Lucy Ann was educated at Geneva and was the scholar of the family. She taught before marriage at LeRoy, N. Y., and also at Milwaukee after marriage.
iv. Laura Jane, b. 1 Apr. 1821; d. at Niles, Mich., 19 Apr. 1871; m. (1) at Battle Creek, Mich., 11 June 1844, Capt. William A. Little, who d. at Battle Creek, 5 July 1851 ae. 37; m. (2) 15 Mar. 1853, Benjamin N. Long. No children.
v. Miles Mason, b. 6 June 1823; res. (1881) Hartford, Mich.; m. 8 Dec. 1842, Urania M. Hawley. Children:
I. Frederick[8].
II. Henry.

vi. ORA HOYT, b. 14 Sept. 1826; m. (1) 27 May 1857, MARY L. BLODGETT of Cortland, N. Y.; m. (2) 10 Jan. 1866, HARRIET S. HOES of Kingston, N. Y., dau. of Rev. J. C. F. Hoes, D.D., nephew of President Martin Van Buren, and of Maria (Randall), dau. of Gen. Roswell Randall of Cortland and sister of Hon. Henry L. Randall, Sec. of State and author. O. Hoyt Seymour entered Michigan University in 1847, and after three years of study there, graduated from Union College in 1851, and from Union Theological Seminary. After ministries in Deposit and Cortland, his wife and two children died. He resigned and entered the army as Chaplain of the 157th N. Y. Vols., Mar. 1863. He was wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville, but served until the close of the war, July 1865. He was minister four years at Hammondsport, N. Y., eight years at Trumansburgh, N. Y., three years at Onondaga Valley, N. Y., and thereafter at Port Byron, N. Y.

Children by first wife, b. at Cortland:

I. Franklin B.[8], b. 21 July 1858; d. 7 July 1861.
II. Harry Child, b. 5 July 1860; d. 8 July 1861.
III. Randolph B., b. 25 July 1862.

Children by second wife, b. at Hammondsport:

IV. Maria Hoes, b. 26 Nov. 1866.
V. Harriet Randolph, b. 3 Jan. 1868.

vii. CYNTHIA CATHARINE, b. 21 May 1831; m. 5 Oct. 1854, WILLIAM A. STOWE.

130. COL. TIMOTHY[6] SEYMOUR (*Timothy*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), baptized 7 May 1749, died at West Hartford, Conn., 6 Apr. 1812 aged 63; married (published 5 July 1772) at West Hartford, Conn., ABIGAIL SKINNER, born at West Hartford, about 1751, died there 27 May 1819 aged 68, daughter of Timothy and Ruth (Colton).

He was Lieut.-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in Hartford County.

Administration on his estate was granted to Moses Goodman and Chester Seymour of Hartford, 20 May 1812; insolvent. Inventory taken by Jedediah Mills and Moses Goodman, Jr.; amount, $211.18.

Children:

i. ABIGAIL[7], bapt. 7 Nov. 1773; d. at West Hartford, 7 Aug. 1824 ae. 51; m. at West Hartford, 24 Dec. 1795, THOMAS[5] GOODMAN, bapt. at West Hartford, 2 Aug. 1772, d. there 10 July 1800 ae. 29,

s. of Thomas[4] (*Timothy*[3], *Richard*[2], *Richard*[1]) and Sarah (Seymour); no issue.

ii. MABEL, b. 2 July 1776; d. at Amherst, Mass., 22 Sept. 1835; m. at West Hartford, 7 Sept. 1798, NATHAN[6] PERKINS, JR., b. at West Hartford, 26 Aug. 1776, d. at Amherst, Mass., 28 Mar. 1842, s. of Rev. Nathan[5] (*Matthew*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Jacob*[2], *John*[1]) and Catherine (Pitkin). He was graduated from Yale College, 1796, and was pastor of the Second Church at Amherst, Mass., 1810-1842. Three children.

iii. TIMOTHY WILLIAM, b. 8 Aug. 1779; d. at Ogdensburg, N. Y., 2 Apr. 1810 ae. 30 (gravestone), unm.

iv. HARRIET, b. 2 Nov. 1781; d. at Auburn, N. Y., 15 Aug. 1867; m. 27 Sept. 1809, HENRY BROWN, b. at Stockbridge, Mass., 3 June 1773, d. at Brownhelm, Ohio, 10 Dec. 1843. Eight children.

225. v. HENRY RODERICK, b. 3 Apr. 1784.

226. vi. ORSON, b. 18 Feb. 1786.

227. vii. CHESTER, b. 29 Apr. 1788.

viii. JAMES SKINNER, b. 15 Apr. 1791; d. unm., 3 Dec. 1875. He was several years a clerk in the Hartford Bank; cashier of the Bank of Auburn, N. Y., Aug. 1817; president, June 1849; president of the National Bank of Auburn since its organization; president of the Board of Trustees of the Asylum for Destitute Children, Cayuga County; member of the Board of Trustees of U. S. Trust Co. of New York.

131. NORMAN[6] SEYMOUR (*Timothy*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 3 Dec. 1752, died at Sheffield, Mass., 28 June 1796; married first, MARY MCNEIL of Litchfield, Conn., born , died at West Hartford, 16 Dec. 1776, daughter of Capt. Archibald and Sarah (Johnson); married second, at West Hartford, 15 June 1779, CATHERINE SEYMOUR, born 29 Aug. 1756, died at Chester, Conn., 19 Mar. 1814, daughter of Moses and Rachel (Goodman). She married second, at Newington, Conn., 1 June 1802, as his third wife, Rev. Samuel Mills of Saybrook, Conn., born at Simsbury, 22 June 1752, died at Chester, Conn., 17 Feb. 1814.

Child by first wife:

i. MCNEIL[7], b. abt. 1776; d. at New York, N. Y., 19 Jan. 1852 ae. 76; m. RACHEL HAWKINS, who d. at Delhi, N. Y., 1 Jan. 1867, dau. of Joseph and Rachel (Harris). He kept a tavern at Troy, N. Y., 1814-16, and afterwards in Boston, finally in New York City. Child:

I. Elizabeth McNeil[8], b. at Boston, 11 Feb. 1822; d. at New York, 25 Nov. 1826.

Children by second wife (the youngest five baptized 13 May 1797):

ii. INFANT, d. 30 Oct. 1781.

228. iii. NORMAN. b. 20 Sept. 1782.

229. iv. ALEXANDER, b. 5 Oct. 1784.

v. MARY, b. 10 Aug. 1787; d. at New York City, 16 May 1880; m. at Buffalo, N. Y., 15 Sept. 1822, DR. THOMAS HASTINGS, b. at Washington, Conn., 15 Oct. 1784, d. at New York City, 15 May 1872, s. of Dr. Seth and Eunice (Parmelee). A son was Rev. Thomas Samuel Hastings, D.D.; a daughter, Mary Seymour Hastings, m. (1) Rev. Daniel Bond, (2) Rev. George Warren Wood, D.D.; another daughter, Catherine Eunice Hastings, m. Rev. William W. Scudder, D.D., and d. in Ceylon. See below.

vi. ARDON, b. 5 Jan. 1790; res. Rome, N. Y.; m. 8 Sept. 1819, SARAH MARSH, b. at Norwich, Conn., 28 Sept. 1782, d. at Rome, N. Y., 27 Feb. 1852, dau. of Dr. Jonathan and Alice (Fitch). He was commissioned First Lieut. in the Oneida County Cavalry, 1819, and rose to the rank of Colonel. Children, b. at Rome:

I. Mary Harland[8], b. 22 Oct. 1820.

II. Sarah Marsh, b. 31 July 1823; m. 16 Dec. 1846, Josiah Peckham Fitch, b. at Sheldon, Vt., 19 Apr. 1817, s. of Dr. Chauncey and Nancy (Peckham); six children. He was a lawyer, rem. from Rome to New York City.

vii. CATHERINE, b. 8 Oct. 1792; m. MILES P. SQUIER, D.D., of Geneva, N. Y.

THOMAS HASTINGS (1784-1872), husband of MARY SEYMOUR, removed in youth with his father from Connecticut to Clinton, Oneida County, N. Y. Although without much opportunity to obtain a musical education, he was so talented by nature that at the age of twenty-two he was teaching music.

In 1816 he published, with Solomon Warriner, *Musica Sacra*, a collection of sacred music, and afterwards published several other works of this type, one in collaboration with Lowell Mason. He was also an original composer, to the extent of perhaps a thousand tunes, one of the most noted being the musical setting for Toplady's "Rock of Ages."

He removed to New York City in 1832, at the solicitation of several churches, and here continued his important and self-imposed task of improving the music used in the churches. For several years he was choirmaster in the Bleecker Street Presbyterian Church. In 1858 he received from the University of the City of New York the degree of Doctor of Music.

THOMAS HASTINGS (1860-1929), son of Rev. Thomas Samuel and Fanny (de Groot), and grandson of Thomas and Mary (Seymour), was a native of New York City, and after studying at Columbia went to Paris where he was graduated in 1884 from the Ecole des Beaux-Arts. From 1886 until 1911, when his partner died, he worked in partnership with John Merven Carrère, and thereafter continued under the same firm name (Carrère & Hastings). The work of the firm quickly found recognition, following the erection of Flagler's Ponce de Leon Hotel, the Alcazar Hotel, and two churches in St. Augustine, Florida. They received many commissions for the buildings and gardens of large country estates. Later, their main work was the designing of monumental buildings, such as the Richmond Borough Hall, New York City, and the Royal Bank of Montreal, Canada. They were the architects of Woolsey Hall and Memorial Hall at Yale University (1906). The greatest achievements of the firm, according to the Dictionary of American Biography (see vol. 3, pp. 518-520, and vol. 8, pp. 388-390, for a comprehensive account of Hastings's work), were the Senate and House office buildings, Washington, D. C. (1905-06), the Century Theatre, New York City (1906-09), and the New York Public Library (1911).

Hastings began his work under the influence of the French Renaissance school, adapting and moulding it to meet changing conditions and new problems, always with sure taste and scrupulous attention to detail. He was interested in city planning and beautification, helped to formulate the city plan of Hartford, Conn., 1911, and designed the industrial town for the U. S. Steel Corporation at Duluth, Minn. He designed the Princeton Battle Monument, at Princeton, N. J., and the base of the Lafayette monument in the court of the Louvre, Paris. He was a chevalier of the Legion of Honor, and the third American to be awarded (1922) the Royal Gold Medal of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

The author was acquainted with Mr. Hastings and in conversation with him found him very proud of his Seymour blood.

132. LIEUT. TRUMAN[6] SEYMOUR (*Timothy*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 4 Nov. 1760, died at Albany, N. Y., 27 July 1812; married at Albany, in 1790, ZIBIAH PACKARD, born at Milton, Mass., 19 Dec. 1768, died at Geneva, N. Y., 27 May 1856, daughter of Isaac and Eunice (Rawson).

He was at school in West Hartford when news arrived of the battle of Lexington, and was one of the scholars who armed themselves and, led by Moses Goodman, served at Bunker Hill, where he was wounded in the knee. He was in several subsequent engagements, was present at Burgoyne's surrender, and at the close of the war was a Lieutenant. He was a man of great energy of character and physical strength. He settled in Albany, N. Y., in 1785, as a brick-maker.

Children, born at Albany, N. Y.:

i. JULIA MARIA[7], b. 25 May 1792; d. at Geneva, N. Y., 29 Dec. 1873; m. 24 May 1810, RICHARD HOGARTH, b. in Down Co., Ireland, 14 Aug. 1785, d. at Geneva, N. Y., 9 July 1846, s. of John and Jane (Scott). Five children.*

230. ii. WILLIAM, b. 23 Sept. 1793.

231. iii. ISAAC PACKARD, b. 25 Feb. 1795.

iv. ROBERT, b. 26 Jan. 1797; d. at Augusta, Ga., 27 Sept. 1820.

232. v. TRUMAN, b. 25 Jan. 1799.

233. vi. TIMOTHY, b. 30 May 1801.

133. ALLYN[6] SEYMOUR (*Allyn*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 12 July 1757, died at Redfield, N. Y., 15 July 1828, aged 71 (gravestone); married at West Hartford, 5 Oct. 1781, AMELIA[7] STANLEY, born at West Hartford, 15 Nov. 1759, died at Lenox, N. Y., 13 Nov. 1840, daughter of Samuel[6] (*Samuel*[5], *Samuel*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Joanna (Goodman).

He served in the Revolutionary War.

In 1776 he was a Private in the Co. of Capt. Abraham Sedgwick of Hartford, 6th Battalion, Wadsworth's Brigade, and in 1777 he was in the Co. of Capt. Jonathan Wadsworth of Hartford who was mortally wounded at the battle of Stillwater, 19 Sept. 1777.

He removed to Redfield, N. Y., 1802.

Children, born at West Hartford:

i. ALLYN[7], b. 10 Oct. 1782; d. *s.p.* at Savannah, Ga., 13 Oct. 1809; m. CHARLOTTE ———.

234. ii. AYRES, b. 23 Apr. 1784.

iii. MILLY, b. 19 Dec. 1785; d. at Porter, Mich., 15 Sept. 1841; m. at East Hampton, L. I., 1 Jan. 1803. NATHANIEL SHERRILL, b. Sept.

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* A son, Rev. William Hogarth (b. 1814, Union College 1838, Auburn Theological Seminary 1841) was pastor of the Jefferson Avenue Church, Detroit, Mich. A daughter, Ann Hogarth (b. 1818), was wife of Rev. Abraham Teter Young (b. 1806, Union College 1839, Princeton Seminary 1842).

1776, d. at Lysander, Onondaga Co., N. Y., 26 Sept. 1828, s. of Recompense and Naomi (Burnham).

iv. BETSEY, b. 13 Apr. 1787; m. at Redfield, N. Y., 10 Mar. 1811, REUBEN WRIGHT, a goldsmith, b. at Berlin, Conn., 17 Nov. 1787, d. at Westfield, N. Y., 13 Oct. 1847, s. of Reuben and Martha (Gridley).

v. RALPH, b. 11 Oct. 1789; d. at Redfield, N. Y., 6 June 1872, unm.

235. vi. RODNEY, b. 17 Sept. 1794.

vii. IRA, bapt. 26 Aug. 1796; d. 27 Aug. 1796.

236. viii. IRA, b. 25 Aug. 1797.

134. CHARLES[6] SEYMOUR (*Charles*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 17 Jan. 1777, died at Hartford, Conn., 21 Jan. 1852; married at West Hartford, 20 Dec. 1803, CATHARINE[6] PERKINS, born at West Hartford, 20 Jan. 1782, died 19 Feb. 1848, daughter of Rev. Nathan[5] (*Matthew*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Jacob*[2], *John*[1]) and Catharine (Pitkin).

He studied with Rev. Nathan Perkins until he was sixteen, when he became a clerk in Hartford. He commenced business for himself when he came of age, and continued a merchant in Hartford for more than fifty years. He held many positions of trust and responsibility. He was treasurer of the First Ecclesiastical Society from 1824 to 1843; one of the vice-presidents of the oldest Savings Bank in Hartford, and chairman of the loaning committee for thirty years; and Director of the American Asylum for Deaf Mutes for the same term of years.

A fine miniature of him, artist unknown, in possession of the family, painted shortly before his marriage, shows a man of fine features, dark hair, and a long oval face, somewhat suggestive of his great-grandson and namesake, Charles Seymour, President of Yale University.

Mrs. Seymour's father, Rev. Nathan Perkins, D.D., was for sixty-six years pastor of the Church of Christ in West Hartford. Her mother was daughter of Rev. Timothy Pitkin of Farmington, Conn., (a son of Gov. William Pitkin), whose wife was Temperance Clap, daughter of Thomas Clap, President of Yale College.

The Seymour home was first on Dorr Street, and later the large brick house on Pratt Street.

Children, born at Hartford:

i. JULIA[7], b. 19 Dec. 1804; d. 17 Aug. 1886.

ii. CATHARINE, b. 25 May 1806; d. at Charleston, S. C., 3 Mar. 1884; m. at Hartford, 5 Dec. 1827, (MAJOR) CALVIN DAY, b. at West-

field, Mass., 26 Feb. 1803, d. 10 June 1884, s. of Ambrose and Polly (Ely). Children:

I. Julia Seymour[8], b. 7 July 1829; m. 14 June 1854, (Col.) George Perkins Bissell.

II. Caroline Elizabeth, b. 19 Oct. 1833; unm., of Hartford.

III. John Calvin, b. 3 Nov. 1835; m. 17 June 1869, Alice Beecher Hooker. Children:

(1) Katharine Seymour[9], b. 8 May 1870; see below.
(2) Alice Hooker, b. 3 Jan. 1872; d. in 1926; m. in 1910, Percy Jackson; see below.

IV. Katharine Perkins, b. 24 Feb. 1837, d. at Hartford, 25 Nov. 1914; m. at Hartford, 12 Oct. 1864, (Brig.-Gen.) Joseph Cooke Jackson, b. at Newark, N. J., 5 Aug. 1835, d. at New York City, 22 May 1913. Their two daughters were presented at the Court of St. James. Children:

(1) Joseph Cooke[9], b. 20 Aug. 1865; m. 14 June 1900, Mabel Goodsell, dau. of James Henry and Leila Angouleme (Peck). Child:
A. Joseph Hamilton[10], b. 15 June 1901.
(2) John Day, b. 23 Sept. 1868; see below; m. at Elgin, Ill., 28 July 1909, Rose Marie Herrick, b. at Dundee, Ill., 25 Mar. 1888, dau. of John Wheeler and Annie Isabelle Elizabeth (Taylor) MacMillan. Children, b. at New Haven, Conn.:
A. Richard Seymour[10], b. 30 Aug. 1910.
B. John Herrick, b. 10 Jan. 1912; m. 20 June 1936, Mary R. Richardson.
C. Henry Wolcott, b. 10 Oct. 1913; m. 6 Feb. 1936, Eleanor Wardlaw.
D. Lionel Stewart, b. 25 June 1915; m. 16 June 1938, Patricia Woolsey.
E. Rose Day, b. 23 Aug. 1916; m. 16 May 1936, John W. Sheppard.
F. Harriet (twin), b. 30 Sept. 1917.
G. Katharine (twin), b. 30 Sept. 1917.
H. William Brinckerhoff, b. 21 Mar. 1920.
(3) Katharine Seymour, m. 4 Dec. 1909, Percy Hamilton Goodsell, s. of James Henry and Leila Angouleme (Peck). Child:
A. Percy Hamilton[10], b. 24 Sept. 1910.
(4) Elizabeth Huntington, m. 20 Oct. 1909, Martin Sheeler Watts, s. of James and Mary (Sheeler). Children:
A. Martin Seymour Huntington[10], b. 26 Dec. 1910.
B. Schuyler Wolcott Jackson, b. 25 Jan. 1912.

iii. CHARLES, b. 2 Nov. 1807; d. at Hartford, 23 June 1886.

iv. EDWARD, b. 28 Sept. 1809; d. 12 Oct. 1810.

v. HARRIET, b. 27 Sept. 1811; d. at Brooklyn, Conn., 8 May 1846; m. at Hartford, Conn., 8 May 1844, REV. GEORGE JEFFREY TILLOTSON, b. at Farmington, Conn., 5 Feb. 1805, d. Apr. 1888, s. of Col. Daniel and Huldah (Gridley). He was graduated at Yale College, 1825, and at Yale Theological Seminary, 1830, and received the degree of M.A. in 1830. He had a charge at Brooklyn, Conn.; in 1849 was a member of the Yale Corporation. Only child d. in infancy. He m. (2) 15 Nov. 1848, Elizabeth Kinsey Lester.

237. vi. NATHAN PERKINS, b. 24 Dec. 1813.

vii. JOHN WHITMAN, b. 24 Mar. 1816; d. at Villa de Santiago. Mexico, after 1857, unm.; was graduated from Yale College, 1837; a bank president.

viii. ALFRED (twin), b. 6 Nov. 1817; d. 11 Oct. 1818.

ix. ALBERT (twin), b. 6 Nov. 1817; d. 16 Sept. 1818.

x. MARY, b. 1 Nov. 1820; d. at Hartford, Conn., 18 Apr. 1883; m. at Hartford, 28 Oct. 1846, RUSSELL GOODRICH[7] TALCOTT, b. at Hartford, 15 Aug. 1818, d. there 3 Mar. 1863, s. of Russell[6] (*George*[5], *Elizur*[4], *Benjamin*[3], *Samuel*[2], *John*[1]) and Harriet (Kingsbury). Child:

I. Mary Kingsbury[8], b. 3 Nov. 1847, d. 17 Nov. 1917.

xi. EMILY, b. 28 July 1825; d. at Hartford, 16 Aug. 1904.

Of the above children, Charles, Julia and Emily never married, and lived together, at first on Pratt Street, and later in a large brick house on Collins Street, Hartford. JULIA[7] SEYMOUR (1804-1886) is recalled as a woman of strong will and determination; she had a good mind, but became a chronic invalid from arthritis, and at the last was blind. CHARLES[7] SEYMOUR (1807-1886) was a director in many banks and corporations, and in 1843 was elected treasurer of the First Ecclesiastical Society. A relative recalls his love of fast horses, and his long white hair flying in the wind as he drove down Farmington Avenue. Sometimes he would slouch along until some young blood with high-steppers would *try* to pass him. EMILY[7] SEYMOUR (1825-1904) is described as the gentler of the two sisters, who led the typical, narrow life of "old maids" in those days. "Aunt Emily" was a member of Center Church, Hartford, and interested in Bible study. She learned Greek after she was sixty, in order to read the New Testament in the original. She felt this to be an "unladylike" accomplishment, and made her nephew, the Greek scholar, Thomas Day[8] Seymour, whose advice she sought, promise that he would not reveal it until after her death. When a niece in childhood visited the sisters, her doll was taken from her on Saturday night, and on Sunday the little girl would walk back and forth in front of the sideboard on which the doll lay, without daring to ask for it. "Aunt Emily" clung to strict Sabbath observance, and when visited in old age by a grand-niece, on Sunday would hand her a religious book in place of the secular magazine she was reading.

The large brick house on Collins Street in which they lived was spacious and dignified and eminently Victorian in its furnishings. The author remembers in particular in the drawing room the large landscapes in leaf gold frames in the taste of that day. Mr. John Day Jackson, a grand-nephew, recalls a statuette of the three Graces, doubtless in Parian marble, judiciously veiled under a canopy of lace

simulating a tea-cozy. Mr. Jackson also recalls Thanksgiving dinners which, following a traditional pattern, began with oyster soup in a huge tureen, succeeded by roast turkey and cranberry sauce, an ample chicken pie and attendant dishes which led up to a trinity of pies, the climax of the feast being a service of green and China tea. The trinity of pies must have been accompanied by the traditional Indian pudding, without which no old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner was complete.

Mary Kingsbury[8] Talcott (1847-1917) was widely known for her genealogical knowledge of Connecticut families, particularly those of Hartford. She was a founder, and for many years the Registrar, of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, D. A. R. For almost as long a period, she was Genealogist of the Connecticut Society of Colonial Dames of America. She gave valuable aid in the work of preserving the old stones in the ancient burial ground at Hartford, a work which was vigorously prosecuted by her intimate friend, Mrs. Emily Seymour (Goodwin) Holcombe.

From youth, she was keenly interested in her own ancestry; she joined the Colonial Dames in right of John Talcott, Assistant and Treasurer of the Colony of Connecticut, but filed supplemental claims in right of her "six Governors"—William Bradford, Thomas Dudley, John Haynes, William Pitkin, John Webster, and George Wyllys,—six ministers,—Rev. Thomas Clap, D.D., Rev. Noadiah Russell, Rev. Solomon Stoddard, Rev. John Warham, Rev. John Whiting, and Rev. Timothy Woodbridge,—and also John Deming, Col. John Gorham, John Howland of the *Mayflower*, Capt. Elizur Holyoke, Capt. Joseph Kingsbury, Capt. Richard Osborne, Hon. William Pynchon, Lieut. Robert Seeley, Col. Elizur Talcott, Capt. Samuel Talcott, Richard Treat the Patentee, and Hon. Samuel Wyllys,—a truly amazing galaxy of early New England worthies.

One of Miss Talcott's most important pieces of work was her chapter on the founders of Hartford in the Memorial History of Hartford County (1886). She edited the Kingsbury Genealogy (1905). She was frequently consulted by fellow genealogists and historians. Her interest in the Seymour family, her mother's, was so great that before 1880 she began the collection of data with the intention of publishing a genealogy, an ambition which was never realized. Her collections have, however, been utilized extensively in the present volume. Her last paper, on Ruth Wyllys, was read

at four o'clock one afternoon, and she died at ten the same evening,—"in harness," as she would have wished.

Handicapped from early life by serious deafness, Miss Talcott was nevertheless very fond of music. She was a cultivated woman of many interests, wide reading, and fondness for music and art. A friend wrote, "Her character was singularly modest, brave, unselfish, and she fought a good fight for seventy years with great fortitude and unfailing cheer." She was a member of the following organizations: Arts and Crafts Club of Hartford, Civil Club, Daughters of the American Revolution (Ruth Wyllys Chapter), Hartford Art Society, Hartford Musical Club, Monday Afternoon Club, Colonial Dames of America, and Society of Mayflower Descendants.

KATHARINE SEYMOUR[9] DAY was born in Hartford, 8 May 1870, eldest daughter of John Calvin and Alice Beecher (Hooker) Day; her father was only son of Calvin Day, born in Westfield, Massachusetts, descended from Robert Day, one of the Founders of Hartford in the company of the Rev. Thomas Hooker, and her mother was the younger daughter of John Hooker (eighth in descent from the Rev. Thomas Hooker) and Isabella Beecher Hooker, daughter of the Rev. Lyman Beecher by his second wife (Harriet Porter of Portland, Maine) and half-sister of Harriet Beecher Stowe and Henry Ward Beecher.

Miss Day and her sister Alice were taught by Miss Julia Burbank; she then entered the Hartford High School for two years, leaving to go to Europe with her family where they remained for seven years, traveling extensively, and where she studied under various tutors. She and her sister were presented to the Kedievah of Egypt, at the Court of the King and Queen of Württemberg, and at the British Court.

The family returned to Hartford and occupied for two years the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clemens, Mark Twain, who were old friends of the Beecher and Hooker families. Thereafter Miss Day's family moved to New York where she studied art and became interested in social and civic problems, being a Vice-President of the Women's Municipal League, since merged in the Citizens' Union. She continued to travel extensively and exhibited in the Salons National and d'Autumn in 1910-12, studying art for two years in Paris. Becoming more and more interested in education, she graduated from Radcliffe College in 1921, taking her M.A. in 1922. She returned

to Hartford in 1927, having bought the home of her great-aunt, Harriet Beecher Stowe.

In Hartford she has been actively interested in historic and civic movements, founding a civic society, the Friends of Hartford, which undertook saving the Mark Twain home—now the Mark Twain Memorial, of which she is First Vice-President, and promoted the formation of The Children's Museum, of which she is a Trustee. She is also a founder and Deputy Governor of the Descendants of the Founders of Hartford, a founder of the Civics Group of Hartford.

She has in her own home much material relating to Mrs. Stowe. She is a member of the National Society of Colonial Dames, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Mayflower Society, New England Women, the Connecticut Historical Society, the Connecticut Academy, the Town and County Club of Hartford, the Cosmopolitan Club of New York, and the Women's City Club, Boston. She is also an M.A. of Trinity College, Hartford.

Alice Hooker[9] Day, the younger daughter of John Calvin and Alice Beecher (Hooker) Day, was born in Hartford, 3 Jan. 1872, and, like her sister, also educated abroad, and graduated from Bryn Mawr College in 1902. In 1910 she married Percy Jackson of New York City and thereafter lived in New York until her death in 1926. She had an active part in all college work, was President of the Bryn Mawr Club of New York, was New York Chairman of the Summer School of Bryn Mawr College, and for years served on the Board of the New York League of Women Voters and the Consumers' League of New York under Mrs. Frederick Nathan, and succeeded Mrs. Nathan as president of the New York League. She was also Secretary of the National Consumers' League and a Director in the Citizens' Union. She was intensely interested in labor problems, and made many trips to Albany and Washington in the interest of better working conditions. She was a woman of wide intellectual pursuits and, spending many summers at her ranch in New Mexico, became an expert in the archaeology of the Southwest and Central America.

John Day[9] Jackson (1868-), born at Hartford, Conn., was graduated from Yale College (A.B) in 1890, and studied at Harvard, the University of Berlin, the Sorbonne, and École des Sciences Politiques. He was Washington correspondent of the *New York Evening Post* and the *Newark* (N. J.) *Evening News,* and was capitol

representative of the *Washington Times*, 1893 to 1896. Since 1896 he has been connected with the *New Haven* (Conn.) *Register*, as proprietor and editor since 1905. He is widely known for his success in the newspaper field.

He served at one time as Police Commissioner of New Haven, and for four terms as a member of the Board of Education. He is a Republican; and a Congregationalist. He is a member of Société de Législation Civile Comparée (Paris), American Society of Newspaper Editors, National Tax Association, Society of Colonial Wars, Sons of the Revolution, Psi Upsilon, Chi Delta Theta, and Elihu Club.

His wife, Mrs. Rose Marie (Herrick) Jackson, is one of the most remarkable and admired women of New Haven; she qualified as a Colonial Dame under Governor John Webster of Connecticut, from whom she is descended through Colonel Ebenezer Marsh of Litchfield, Conn., the Pitkins of Hartford, and the Lymans of Northampton.

135. ASHBEL[6] SEYMOUR (*Daniel*[5], *Daniel*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born in 1757, died at Troy, N. Y., 23 Sept. 1795; married HANNAH[6] GRANT, born at East Windsor, Conn., "26 Sept. 1771 (1766)," died at North Canton, Conn., 28 Sept. 1824 aged 58, daughter of Edward Chapman[5] (*John*[4], *John*[3], *Samuel*[2], *Matthew*[1]) and Hannah (Foster). She married second, Ezra Adams, Esq., of Canton, born 1751, died 1837.

He established a paper mill in Troy, N. Y.

Children:

i. ANNA[7], b. 21 May 1792; d. at Canton, Conn., 23 Apr. 1827; m. at Canton, 19 Aug. 1812, BENJAMIN WEED, b. at Granby, Conn., 25 Jan. 1789, d. at Muscatine, Iowa, 5 Mar. 1846, s. of Benjamin and Rizpah (Goddard).

ii. CLARA, b. 23 Oct. 1794; d. at Canton Center, Conn., 1 May 1867 ae. 72; m. Sept. 1819, WILLIAM HOMAN HALLOCK, b. at Canton Center, 7 Jan. 1795, d. 10 Oct. 1867, s. of Rev. Jeremiah and Mercy (Humphrey). Six children.

136. ASA[6] SEYMOUR (*Daniel*[5], *Daniel*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 5 Feb. 1760, died there 28 Oct. 1810 aged 51; married 17 Dec. 1786, ELIZABETH[6] DENISON, born at New London, Conn., 7 Mar. 1766, died 26 May 1846, daughter of Thomas[5] (*Daniel*[4], *George*[3], *John*[2], *George*[1]) and Catharine (Starr),

and a descendant of Capt. George Denison, Capt. Daniel Wetherell, and Elder William Brewster.

He served as a private in Capt. Selah Benton's Co., Col. Isaac Sherman's Regt., for three years and eight months, in the Revolutionary War.

Administration on his estate was granted to James Wells of Hartford, 2 Feb. 1811; estate insolvent. Dower of the widow Elizabeth was set off, 27 Apr. 1812. William Seymour, a minor, aged about 15, son of Asa, chose his mother Elizabeth Seymour as his guardian, 4 Sept. 1813.

Children:

i. ELIZABETH[7], b. 16 Feb. 1788; d. abt. 1831; m. 21 Mar. 1830, (as second wife), WILLIAM STEVENS WADSWORTH, b. 1783, d. 1855, s. of Reuben and Elizabeth (Stevens). No issue.

ii. CATHERINE, b. 30 Aug. 1789; d. 6 Mar. 1865; m. 30 Mar. 1809, JOSEPH M.[6] BROWN (*Joseph*[5], *Benjamin*[4], *Peter*[3], *Peter*[2], *Peter*[1]), b. 24 Jan. 1784, d. 24 Feb. 1856. Nine children.

iii. MARY, b. 27 May 1791; d. 28 Aug. 1860; m. at Hartford, 26 May 1840, (as second wife), ROGER SHERMAN[6] NEWELL, b. at Southington, Conn., 28 Mar. 1791, d. at Sodus Bay, N. Y., 1 Dec. 1863, s. of Simeon[5] (*Isaac*[4], *Samuel*[3], *Samuel*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Mercy (Hooker); no issue.

238. iv. CHESTER, b. 10 Jan. 1793.

v. MABEL, b. 22 May 1795; d. at Geneva, N. Y.; m. 5 May 1825, RUSSELL ROBBINS.

vi. WILLIAM, b. 26 May 1798; d. 21 Oct. 1850, unm.

vii. ANNE, b. 29 Dec. 1801; d. at Hartford, Conn., 27 Oct. 1892; m. at Hartford, 22 Apr. 1823, DAVID FRANKLIN ROBINSON, b. at Granville, Mass., 7 Jan. 1801, d. at Hartford, 26 Jan. 1862, s. of David and Catherine (Coe), of Granville, Mass. Children:

I. Lucius Franklin[8], b. 1 Feb. 1824; d. 11 Mar. 1861; m. 21 Oct. 1850, Eliza S. Trumbull.

II. Charles, b. 22 Dec. 1825; d. 2 Nov. 1827.

III. Anne Catharine, b. 14 Sept. 1827; d. Apr. 1828.

IV. Sarah Amelia, b. 26 Oct. 1829; d. 19 Jan. 1909; m. 6 Aug. 1855, (Hon.) J. Hammond Trumbull, Connecticut State Librarian.

V. Henry Cornelius, b. 28 Aug. 1832; d. 14 Feb. 1900; m. 28 Aug. 1862, Eliza Niles Trumbull, b. 15 July 1833, d. 25 June 1916. See below.

VI. Mary Caroline, b. 12 Aug. 1834; d. 24 May 1903; m. 25 May 1859, (Judge) Nathaniel Shipman, b. at Southbury, Conn., 22 Aug. 1828, d. 26 June 1906. See below.

VII. Alfred S., b. 6 Apr. 1836; d. 26 Sept. 1878; m. 8 Dec. 1869, Emily Haynes.

239. viii. ALBERT (twin), b. 29 Apr. 1804.
ix. ALMIRA (twin), b. 29 Apr. 1804; d. Nov. 1866, unm.

ANNE[7] (SEYMOUR) ROBINSON (1801-1892) was well known in Hartford, and notable for retention of her strength of intellect up to the last week of her life. She responded to wisdom and wit and sentiment to the end, and died of no disease, but sank peacefully to sleep. The portrait is reproduced herein.

HON. HENRY CORNELIUS[8] ROBINSON (1832-1900), son of David Franklin and Anne[7] (Seymour) Robinson, was born in Hartford, Conn., and was graduated from Yale College with high honors in 1853. He began the study of law in the office of his elder brother, Lucius Franklin Robinson, and after admission to the bar practiced alone and later in partnership with his brother until the latter's death in 1861. Thereafter he managed the business until 1888, and in that year took his eldest son, Lucius F., into the firm, which enjoyed a high repute.

In 1866 he was appointed Fish Commissioner of the State. The breeding and propagation of fish was a field of study in which he felt great interest, and he did all in his power to preserve and develop the fish industry of Connecticut. He received in 1872 the Republican nomination for Mayor of Hartford, and although the city was usually Democratic, was elected by a wide margin. His administration was efficient, and during it Hartford became the sole capital of the state, largely through his influence. In 1879 he was a member of the General Assembly, and chairman of the judiciary committee.

Mr. Robinson was an active member of the Republican party, and thrice received the nomination by acclamation for the office of Governor, but his large legal practice prevented acceptance of a number of appointments which came to him unsolicited, including that of U. S. Minister to Spain under President Harrison. In 1880 he was a member of the Republican National Convention at Chicago, and was the author of a large part of its platform; and in 1887 he was Commissioner for Connecticut at the Constitutional Centennial celebration in Philadelphia.

He was a director in the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company; the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company; the Pratt & Whitney Company; the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company; and the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insur-

ance Company; trustee of the Connecticut Trust and Safe Deposit Company, the Wadsworth Athenaeum of Hartford, and of the Hartford Grammar School.

He stood among the foremost members of the Connecticut Bar, and in 1888 received from Yale College the honorary degree of LL.D. He did an immense amount of work in behalf of various charitable institutions of Hartford, and served as a trustee or director of several ecclesiastical associations in the city and state. He was a man of high character and finished scholarship, and was a gifted orator.

Hon. Lucius Franklin[9] Robinson (1863-), son of the above, and grandson of Anne[7] (Seymour) Robinson, was a native of Hartford, Conn., and a graduate of Yale University (A.B., 1885), which honored him with the degree of LL.D. in 1926. He entered upon the practice of law in Hartford, after admission to the Connecticut Bar in 1887, and attained a position of prominence among the lawyers of the State, being President of the Connecticut State Bar Association, 1924 to 1926. He is senior member of the firm of Robinson, Robinson & Cole, and like his father a director of several industrial and insurance companies; also a director of the First National Bank of Hartford and of the Hartford Public Library, and a trustee of the Watkinson Library. Republican; Congregationalist.

Mr. Robinson's chief public service has been as Chairman of the Connecticut State Park and Forest Commission, a position he has held since 1917, and to which he has devoted an executive talent of high order. In 1932 he was president of the Connecticut Constitutional Convention.

Appended is the public oration delivered when Mr. Robinson received his honorary degree.

LUCIUS FRANKLIN ROBINSON, '85, LL.D.

Mr. Robinson belongs to a family long eminent in the annals of Yale, every member of whom has done good service to his town, state, and country. Taking his B.A. at Yale in 1885, he entered the law office of his distinguished father, and advanced by native ability plus conscientious work. He is to-day recognized as one of the leading lawyers of Connecticut, and became President of the State Bar Association. His Presidential address attracted wide attention, both by its definite conclusions and by the sincerity and earnestness with which they

were set forth. He has helped to restore Connecticut to the position she held a hundred years ago, as champion of state rights. Apart from his special services and successes in his chosen profession, Mr. Robinson will long be remembered for the permanent results he achieved as Chairman of the State Park and Forest Commission. Thousands of acres of woodland and mountain are, by his supervision, coming under state control, which will be of inestimable value to future generations. A certain incurable modesty has made Lucius Robinson ambitious for the welfare of everyone except himself, and to-day it is fitting that such success and such unselfishness should receive public recognition.

Hon. John Trumbull[9] Robinson (1871-1937), B.A. (Yale, 1893), a younger son of Henry Cornelius[8] Robinson, was a prominent lawyer of Hartford, Conn. In 1903, he became Town Chairman of the Republican Party, serving till 1906. From 1901 to 1903, he had served as Secretary to Gov. George P. McLean. In 1904, he was a delegate-at-large to the Republican National Convention. He was elected President of the Hartford County Bar Association in 1930. A daughter is wife of Prof. John H. G. Pierson, of Yale University.

Hon. Nathaniel Shipman (1828-1906), son of Rev. Thomas Leffingwell and Mary Thompson (Deming) Shipman, was a native of Southbury, Conn., prepared for college at Plainfield (Conn.) Academy, and was graduated from Yale College in 1848. He first studied law in the office of Judge Thomas B. Osborne (Yale, 1817) at Fairfield, and later in the Yale Law School. He settled in Hartford, Conn., was admitted to the bar, and became prominent in his profession.

He served in the Connecticut General Assembly in 1857, and was Executive Secretary to Governor William A. Buckingham during the critical period from 1858 to 1862. In 1875, he was appointed Judge of the United States District Court, and in 1892 to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, where he served with conspicuous ability until his retirement in 1902. In 1884 he received the honorary degree of LL.D. from Yale University.

His wife was Mary Caroline[8] Robinson, daughter of Anne[7] (Seymour) Robinson. They had five children, one of whom, Thomas, died in infancy. The others were: Rev. Frank Robinson Shipman (1863-1934), B.A. (Yale, 1885), B.D. (1889); Arthur Leffingwell Shipman, below; Mary Deming (Shipman) Penrose (1868-); and Henry Robinson Shipman (1877-1935).

Hon. Arthur Leffingwell[9] Shipman (1864-1937), son of the above, and grandson of Anne[7] (Seymour) Robinson, was born at Hartford, Conn., 19 Nov. 1864, graduated from Hartford Public High School in 1882, and from Yale University (B.A., 1886, LL.B., 1888). While in college he was editor of the Yale Literary Magazine, and a member of Skull and Bones. He worked for two years in New York in the office of Seward, DaCosta & Guthrie. In 1890, he formed a partnership with William F. Henney. He joined, in 1894, the firm of Hyde, Gross & Hyde, which became Gross, Hyde & Shipman. In 1919, Shipman & Goodwin was formed. He was a member of the Hartford Common Council in 1891, and served three terms as Corporation Counsel, from 1904 to 1908, and from 1910 to 1912. He was a member of the City Plan Commission in 1935.

He was married, 27 June 1901, to Melvina Van Kleeck, and had children: Mrs. Natalie (Shipman) Worcester; Anne V. K. Shipman (deceased); Arthur Leffingwell Shipman, Jr.; and Mrs. Mary C. (Shipman) Howard.

For many years he was one of the first, most useful and influential citizens of Hartford, and delivered many addresses on historic occasions. From the time of its creation, he was secretary of the State Commission of Sculpture, and rendered invaluable services in that connection for a period of thirty-five years. He was much interested in matters of family history and very proud of his Seymour blood, as well as of the Shipman and Leffingwell strains. He was devoted to the memory of his father, Judge Shipman.

He was succeeded as secretary of the Commission of Sculpture by his son and namesake, Arthur L. Shipman, Jr., B.A. (Yale, 1928), LL.B. (1931).

137. Robert[6] Seymour (*Daniel*[5], *Daniel*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 1766, buried there 19 June 1803 aged 47; married Lucia ———, born about 1760, died at Hartford, 31 Oct. 1821 aged 61.

Administration on his estate was granted to his widow Lucia, 31 Aug. 1803. Jared, a minor son, above 15, chose his mother Lucia Seymour for guardian, 13 June 1806.

Children:

i. Jared[7], b. abt. 1791; d. at Demarara, W. I., 6 Jan. 1811 ae. 19.
ii. Delia, m. Alfred Goodrich.

iii. JAMES, b. abt. 1793; d. 11 Oct. 1795 ae. 2.
iv. INFANT, d. 30 Jan. 1796 ae. 8 weeks.
v. INFANT, buried 30 Oct. 1796.
vi. JAMES.
vii. FREDERICK.
viii. FRANCES, b. ———; d. at Fort Niagara, N. Y., 29 Sept. 1829; m. at Hartford, Conn., 27 Apr. 1809, MAJ. ELIJAH[6] BOARDMAN, bapt. at Rocky Hill, Conn., 30 Dec. 1787, d. at Fort Niagara, 22 Mar. 1832, s. of Elijah[5] (*Elnathan*[4], *Jonathan*[3], *Jonathan*[2], *Samuel*[1]) and Mercy (Nott); no issue.

138. DANIEL[6] SEYMOUR (*Daniel*[5], *Daniel*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 1767, died of lockjaw at Hartford, 14 Oct. 1820 aged 52; married at Wethersfield, Conn., 2 Jan. 1797, ELIZABETH[6] STEELE, born 16 Oct. 1769, died 5 Dec. 1827, daughter of Lemuel[5] (*Daniel*[4], *Samuel*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Mary (Clapp).

Children:

i. ASHBEL[7], b. 1797; d. Oct. 1823 ae. 26; a printer; m. MARY GARSON.
ii. EDWIN, b. abt. 1798; drowned 14 Aug. 1808 ae. 10.
iii. JULIA, m. REV. JONATHAN SLY of Rochester, N. Y.
iv. ROBERT, b. [say 1803]; d. 1 Mar. 1845; res. Pittsfield, Ohio; m. at Hartford, Conn., 7 Nov. 1830, MRS. NARCISSA GRANGER of Granville, Mass. Children:

I. Ellen[8], m. Frederick Tuttle; res. Pittsfield, Ohio, 1866.
II. Ashbel.
III. Emeline.
IV. Julia.

v. AUSTIN, b. 20 Jan. 1805; d. 9 Aug. 1844; m. 18 Apr. 1828, MARTHA MILLER, b. 25 Oct. 1805, d. 5 July 1845. Children:

I. Elizabeth[8], b. 31 Jan. 1835; d. 7 June 1894; m. 24 June 1860, Hugh B. Phillips, of Lebanon, Ky., b. 1833, d. 1909.
II. Ann, b. 1838; m. J. Wesley Redhead, of Des Moines, Iowa, brother-in-law of Gov. Kirkwood of Iowa.
III. Martha, d. young.
IV. Daniel, d. young.

vi. EMELINE, b. abt. 1807; d. 19 Dec. 1808 ae. 2 (scalded).
vii. EMELINE, b. 17 Feb. 1809; m. at Hartford, 3 Oct. 1831, JOSEPH BENTON.
viii. ELIZABETH, b. 12 June 1812; d. at Waterloo, N. Y., 7 Jan. 1894; m. 16 June 1838, as second wife, O. R. VAN BENTHUYSEN of Albany, N. Y., who d. in 1845. He was one of the firm of Packard & Van Benthuysen, State Printers, for many years.

139. ENS. JONATHAN[6] SEYMOUR, ESQ. (*Daniel*[5], *Daniel*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 1778, died at New York City, 2 Nov. 1841; married first, MARIA LAWRENCE, of New York, who died at New York City; married second, PATIENCE W. BRUEN, who died at New York City, 1 Jan. 1862, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Woodward).

He was a prominent merchant in New York City, in the paper making business, and established the Seymour Paper Mills at Windsor Locks, Conn. He was also a book publisher. In 1809 he was commissioned Ensign in the New York County Militia.

Daniel and Melancton L. Seymour, of New York, his only children, were appointed administrators, 13 Nov. 1841. His widow was named as Patience W. Seymour.

The will of Patience W. Seymour of New York, dated 30 Dec. 1861, proved 4 Apr. 1862, named Melancthon L. Seymour, son of my dec'd husband, to whom she gave the income of all estate during his life in trust, and he was to dispose of it by will to his heirs. Her heirs-at-law were specified.

Children by first wife:

i. DANIEL[7], b. abt. 1809; d. at New York, 8 June 1850, unm. Will of Daniel Seymour of New York, merchant, dated 28 Aug. 1845, proved 24 June 1850, gave all estate to his brother Melancthon L.

ii. MELANCTHON L., b. abt. 1812; d. at New York, 21 Nov. 1865, unm. His will, dated 28 July 1862, proved 9 May 1866, disposed of the estate of Patience W. Seymour (his stepmother) to various persons.

DANIEL[7] SEYMOUR (1809-1850) was a man of rare and extensive literary acquirements. He possessed a mind of the highest cultivation, embracing in its accomplishments an extensive and thorough knowledge of the language and literature of the nations of Europe and an equally profound acquaintance with the classical literature and languages of antiquity.

He was graduated (B.A.) in 1826 at Columbia College. He stood second in his class and delivered the valedictory oration, choosing as his subject "The Swiss History and Character." He was a member of The Column, a literary society which was founded by Columbia men and was a forerunner of the Century Association, where the original silver column is preserved. In 1851, following his death, Robert Kelly, a classmate, delivered "An Address

on the Character and Talents of the Late Daniel Seymour" before The Column. His portrait still hangs in Century House.

He pursued the profession of the law for a few years. Ill health led him to go abroad. He spent several years in Europe, continued his studies, and perfected himself in knowledge of the languages, nearly all of which he spoke and wrote with remarkable precision and correctness.

An example of his facility was the translation of "Woodman, Spare that Tree" into Hebrew, Greek, Latin, German, French, Spanish, Italian, and several other languages.

He devoted the last years of his life to the interests of the public schools and other institutions of New York. In 1848 he was elected to the Board of Managers of the Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents in New York City. In December of that year, he was appointed one of a committee of five to study the problem of securing a better location and more adequate buildings for the House of Refuge, at that time located on First Avenue between 23rd and 24th Streets. In 1850 this committee succeeded in purchasing desirable property on Ward's Island. However, this property proved to be too small so was turned over to the New York City Common Council in exchange for a better site on Randall's Island.

The progressive and courageous character of Daniel Seymour is shown in the final report of the building committee, submitted in 1862: "In January, 1850, however, a report was made by Mr. Seymour—a communication from the Governor, as to the transfer of a portion of the boys to the Rochester House . . . . The majority of the Committee having reported unfavorably upon the subject, Mr. Seymour made a minority report, which was accepted . . . . the purport of which was, that a classification and separation of our inmates were essential to their reformation, and that for this purpose a change of location and increased accommodations were required . . . ." He discharged his duties with the House of Refuge until within three days of his death, with all the fidelity and zeal of his active and benevolent mind.

140. Capt. Nathaniel[6] Seymour (*Charles*[5], *Daniel*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 1769, died at Hartford, Conn., 24 Jan. 1803 aged 34; married at Hartford, 18 May 1797, Anne Camp, born

about 1771, daughter of William and Alethea. She married second, 7 Sept. 1806, James Butler.

Administration on the estate of Capt. Nathaniel Seymour, late of Hartford, was granted to Samuel Camp of Hartford, 13 Apr. 1803. His widow was Anne. The estate was insolvent. Amount of inventory, $395.92, including land and a dwelling house under incumbrance of the widow Elizabeth Seymour's thirds.

Children:

i. Daniel Camp[7], bapt. 3 Sept. 1809; d. 16 Feb. 1816 ae. 18.
ii. Sarah, m. (1) 25 Nov. 1818, John Risley, Jr.; m. (2) Solomon Williams; m. (3) ——— ———.

141. Charles[6] Seymour (*Charles*[5], *Daniel*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born in 1776, died at Hartford, Conn., 8 Jan. 1845; married at Hartford, 13 Jan. 1814, Elizabeth Spencer, born about 1794, died at Brooklyn, Conn., 23 Feb. 1875 aged 84, daughter of Theodore and Abby of Hartford.

Children:

240. i. Charles Nathaniel[7], b. 4 Apr. 1815.
ii. Elizabeth, b. 1817; d. 3 July 1864; m. 3 Sept. 1844, Seth H. Clark, of Hartford, who d. 3 Apr. 1888.

142. Col. Horace[6] Seymour (*Jonathan*[5], *Jonathan*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born ———, died at Lansingburgh, N. Y., ———; married Hope[6] Jones, baptized 1 Nov. 1761, died at New York City, 15 Sept. 1806, daughter of Amasa[5] (*Daniel*[4], *Josiah*[3], *Josiah*[2], *Lewis*[1]), and Hope (Lord).

He was one of the number injured by the blowing up of the school-house, in the midst of the rejoicings for the repeal of the Stamp Act, 23 May 1766, but his hurts were slight. He served during the Revolutionary War, as Quartermaster, Cornet 10 July 1778, Lieutenant 2 June 1779, and Captain in Sheldon's Light Dragoons. After the War, he became a merchant in Lansingburgh, N. Y. He afterwards lived in New York City.

In the Census of 1790, he was listed at Rensselaerwick, Albany Co., N. Y.

Children:

i. Juliet[7], b. 18 July 1787; d. 30 Sept. 1866; m. 22 Feb. 1806, Abijah Weston, b. at Waltham, Mass., 5 June 1779, d. at Philadelphia, Pa., 30 Nov. 1825, s. of Zachariah.

ii. HARRIET, b. ———; m. (1) at New York, 14 Jan. 1800, NATHANIEL BLOODGOOD; m. (2) 15 Dec. 1810, GEORGE BOWEN, b. at Coventry, R. I., 17 May 1787, d. 1848, s. of Aaron, Jr., and Elnathan (Gorton). They lived in Middlebury, Vt., and New York City.

iii. ELIZA, b. ———; d. at Cincinnati, Ohio, about 1833; m. 25 Nov. 1818, as his second wife, RICHARD BOWEN, b. at Coventry, R. I., 17 Feb. 1777, d. at Pittsburgh, Pa., May 1859, s. of Aaron, Jr., and Elnathan (Gorton). They lived in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Cincinnati, Ohio.

143. JOSEPH WHITING[6] SEYMOUR (*Zebulon*[5], *Zebulon*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 8 Jan. 1762, died there 8 Sept. 1815 aged 53; married first, LOVISA WARNER, born about 1760, died at Hartford, 31 July 1798, daughter of Eli; married second, 22 Dec. 1799, LUCY (SHARP) BALDWIN, born ———, died at Richmond, Va., July 1842, widow of Jacob Baldwin.

His will, dated 29 Aug. 1815, proved 12 Sept. 1815, named son Hezekiah, two youngest sons James Madison and Patrick, and "my eight children, viz. Hezekiah, Lovica Ann, Fanny, Lucy Warner, Eliza, Julia Ann, James Madison, and Patrick." "It is my will that my four youngest children . . . . do not elect for their guardians any person not now an inhabitant of Hartford, and among said inhabitants I only except Mr. Nathaniel Webb. If any of my said four youngest children go contrary to this my will, his or her bequest shall be forfeited."

Children by first wife:

i. INFANT[7], buried 22 Oct. 1787.

ii. HEZEKIAH, b. 29 Oct. 1788; d. at New Britain, Conn., 11 Apr. 1868; m. 24 Aug. 1829, BETSEY HINSDALE BURRITT, b. at New Britain, 22 July 1796, d. Mar. 1872, dau. of Elihu and Elizabeth (Hinsdale), and sister of the noted Elihu Burritt. Children:

I. Infant[8], b. 20 Feb. 1831; d. young.

II. Henry Griswold, b. 5 May 1832; d. 20 May 1853.

iii. LOUISA ANN, b. 23 Apr. 1790; living unm. 24 Sept. 1814; m. SETH HUBBARD.

iv. JOSEPH WHITING, b. 25 Oct. 1791; d. 22 Feb. 1810 ae. 19.

v. FANNY, b. 9 Aug. 1793; d. Sept. 1844; m. 5 Oct. 1813, JAMES GEER of Windham, Conn. Two children.

vi. LUCY WARNER, b. 11 July 1796; d. at Columbia, N. H., 3 Dec. 1878; m. 18 Apr. 1816, ORA STODDARD, b. at Hinsdale, N. H., 26 July 1791, d. 3 Feb. 1861, s. of Thomas and Jane (Pike). Nine children.

vii. MARY ANNA, b. 27 July 1798; d. 23 Feb. 1799 ae. 7 mos.

Children by second wife:

viii. ELIZA, b. 18 Aug. 1800; m. JOEL BENTON, of Guilford, Conn.

ix. JULIA ANN, b. 2 Apr. 1802; d. 10 Dec. 1881; m. ——— LABARDY of Texas.

x. JAMES MADISON, b. 18 June 1804; d. at Galveston, Texas, 30 Aug. 1847; a hotel keeper; m. (1) MARY C. (AVERY) VAN CLUF, b. 4 Feb. 1805, d. 1 Apr. 1836, widow of John M. Van Cluf; m. (2) 15 Feb. 1837, CATHARINE COOKE, b. at Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., 11 June 1819, dau. of Dr. Andrew Benedict and Sarah Ann (Van Deursen); she m. (2) John Adriance of Columbia, Texas. Dr. Cooke was a Surgeon in the U. S. Navy. Child by first wife:

I. Mary Caroline[8], b. 28 Mar. 1836; m. (1) ——— Hurlbut; m. (2) Dr. Samuel Berkely; m. (3) Oscar Wermer.

Children by second wife:

II. James Benedict, b. 11 Apr. 1838; d. 12 Jan. 1839.

III. Kate, b. 12 July 1840; m. (1) at Columbia, Texas, 14 Dec. 1858, Dr. Robert Gosman Salmon; five children; m. (2) at Austin, Texas, 12 July 1871, Copenitus Bannister Maynard; four children.

IV. William James, b. 24 Feb. 1843; d. 8 Mar. 1844.

V. Charles Whiting, b. 3 May 1845; d. 19 July 1846.

VI. James Madison, b. 13 Sept. 1847; rem. 1873 to Chicago, Ill., where he became a commission merchant; m. 15 Nov. 1866, Caroline Lewis, b. at Galveston, 23 Apr. 1848, dau. of Allen and Caroline (Shaw). Children:

(1) Allen Lewis[9], b. at Galveston, 5 Oct. 1867; m. H. B. Ayres.
(2) Caroline, b. at Galveston, 5 Oct. 1869; m. Walter M. Keck.
(3) James Madison, b. at Hartford, Conn., 27 July 1871; m. Etta Ball Hedden.
(4) Charles Alfred, b. at Chicago, 5 Oct. 1874.

xi. PATRICK,* b. 18 Mar. 1807; m. ——— SEAMAN.

144. EPAPHRAS[6] SEYMOUR (*Zebulon*[5], *Zebulon*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., about 1767, died there of fever, 4 Sept. 1796 aged 29; married at West Springfield, Mass., 27 Apr. 1791, LUCY BLISS, born at West Springfield, 31 Dec. 1770, died at Springfield, Mass., 4 Dec. 1797 aged 28, probably daughter of Jedediah and Phebe (Willison).

Administration on the estate of Epaphras Seymour, late of Hartford, was granted to his widow Lucy, 29 Dec. 1796. Jerusha King Seymour, aged 17, Henry Ripley Seymour, aged 15, and Orra

* Named William Levator, called Patrick.

Seymour, aged 13, children of Epaphras and Lucy Seymour late of Hartford deceased, chose Nathaniel Webb of Hartford as their guardian, 18 June 1808. He petitioned to sell realty belonging to them in 1810.

Administration on the estate of Henry Ripley Seymour, late of Hartford deceased, was granted to Nathaniel Webb, 25 Apr. 1811. Division ordered 4 Aug. 1812 between Jerusha K. wife of Elisha Smith, and Orra Seymour, his sisters and only heirs.

Children:

i. JERUSHA KING[7], bapt. 30 Oct. 1791; m. 20 Sept. 1809, ELISHA SMITH of Pittsfield.
ii. HENRY RIPLEY, bapt. 26 Mar. 1793; d. 5 Sept. 1810 ae. 19.
iii. ORRA, b. abt. 1795; m. 23 June 1833, JAMES BIDWELL of Utica, N. Y.
iv. LUCY BLISS, bapt. 1 Oct. 1797; d. 15 Jan. 1798.

145. CALVIN[6] SEYMOUR (*Aaron*[5], *Zebulon*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 1766, died there 16 Dec. 1819, aged 53; married SARAH ANDRUS, born about 1765, died at Hartford, 8 Dec. 1826 aged 61, daughter of William and Hannah (Seymour).

Children:

i. HORACE R.[7], m. HARRIET WHEELER of Wethersfield, Conn.
ii. RODERICK, b. in 1791; d. at Cleveland, Ohio, 14 Apr. 1842; m. in 1816, EMILY BENTON, b. in 1793, d. in 1866, dau. of Reynolds Benton. Children:

I. Henry Watton[8], b. in 1817; d. in 1862; res. Cleveland; m. in 1843, Mary Schofield.
II. Ann Amelia, b. in 1820; d. in 1845.
III. Charles Burton, b. in 1822.
IV. John Walker, b. in 1825; d. in 1826.
V. Calvin, b. in 1827; d. in 1827.
VI. George Edward, b. in 1833; res. St. Louis, Mo.; m. in 1859, Julia Ann Brumidge. He engaged in educational work; and in 1885 was in charge of the mathematical department in the St. Louis High School.

iii. JOSEPH, b. in 1795; d. 20 Sept. 1826 ae. 31, unm.
iv. SARAH, m. SANFORD LEWIS.

146. LIEUT. BILLY[6] SEYMOUR (*Aaron*[5], *Zebulon*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., about 1772, died at Spencertown, N. Y., 14 Jan. 1821, aged 49; married at New Hartford,

Conn., 19 Aug. 1793, HANNAH GOODWIN, born in 1773, died at Batavia, N. Y., 3 Oct. 1827.

He was commissioned Ensign in a Columbia County, N. Y., company in 1800, Lieutenant in 1800, and was replaced Apr. 1803 because he had moved. In 1805 he was Adjutant of Lt.-Col. Charles McKinstry's Regt., Columbia County, and resigned in 1807.

Children:

i. HARRIET ELIZA[7], b. 7 Feb. 1794; d. 25 May 1867; m. in 1812, ETHAN B. ALLEN, a lawyer, of Batavia, N. Y.

ii. LAURA ANN, b. 10 May 1796; d. 26 Apr. 1822; m. in 1819, JAMES BROWN.

iii. WALTER MARVIN, b. 3 June 1798; d. 22 Nov. 1863; m. 3 Aug. 1828, ELIZA MARTIN OTTO, b. at Philadelphia, Pa., 15 Oct. 1812, dau. of Jacob S. and Phebe (Whitehead). He was cashier for the Holland Land Company. Children:

I. Jacob Otto[8], b. 30 Sept. 1829; d. 27 Feb. 1879; res. N. J.; m. 28 Feb. 1854, Julia A. Morgan.

II. James Walter, b. 1 Jan. 1832; d. 25 Apr. 1874; res. La.; m. 3 Nov. 1858, Mary J. Tallent.

III. Maria Brinkerhoff, b. 23 Sept. 1834; m. (1) 5 Sept. 1854, James C. Woodward. a produce merchant, of New York City; m. (2) 2 June 1881, Henry Parish, a graduate of Columbia College, and president of N. Y. Life and Trust Insurance Co.

IV. Catherine Susan, b. 2 Dec. 1836; m. 12 Nov. 1868, John Stevenson, of New York City.

V. Henry, b. 25 Sept. 1838; res. Milwaukee, Wis.

VI. Laura Ann, b. 3 Jan. 1841.

VII. Walter Marvin, b. 28 Jan. 1843; d. 15 Nov. 1875.

VIII. Edward, b. 2 Dec. 1844; d. 13 Mar. 1869; res. Washington, D. C.

IX. Charles, b. 18 Apr. 1847; d. 10 Mar. 1883; Lieut., U. S. N.; m. 26 Dec. 1878, Anna Josephine Guest, b. 20 Aug. 1851, dau. of Commodore John Guest, U. S. N., and Anna Josephine (Pleasonton). Two children.

X. John Cotes, b. 16 Dec. 1849; m. 19 Sept. 1876, Estella Johnson. He was on the N. Y. Mining Stock Exchange, N. Y. City.

XI. Eliza Martin, b. 27 June 1853; m. 13 Jan. 1875, Henry C. Perkins, of New York City.

iv. EDWARD WILLIAM, b. 23 Apr. 1800; d. at sea, as supposed, in 1825.

v. FANNY MARIA, b. 3 July 1802; m. in 1820, WILLIAM HART WELLS.

vi. ERASTUS, b. 9 Sept. 1804; d. 5 Dec. 1804.

vii. Erastus Bille, b. 11 Nov. 1805; d. at Buffalo, N. Y., 6 May 1888; m. (1) 1 Dec. 1834, Celia Burnham; m. (2) 12 Feb. 1857, Sarah S. Hempsted.

viii. Henry Washington, b. 16 Jan. 1809; d. at Batavia, N. Y., Mar. 1859, unm.

Erastus B.[7] Seymour (1805-1888), after his father's death, moved with his mother to New York, and subsequently from there to Batavia where he engaged in the grain business. About the spring of 1845 he came to Buffalo and was one of the first commission merchants there. He first entered into partnership with Pardon C. Sherman. Afterwards he took into partnership William Wells, the firm of "Seymour & Wells" for years thereafter being one of the best known along the entire chain of lakes.

Mr. Seymour was the first president of "The Western Elevating Company," and was also interested in several vessels and elevators, and when he came to Buffalo there were but two of the latter in the city, while "Seymour & Wells" stored and shipped about two-thirds of all the grain that came into this port.

He was a member of St. Paul's Parish for over thirty years, and was long one of the vestry. He was a Republican, but not active in political life. He was a thoroughly domestic man, devoted to his home and his family. His serene, kindly, affectionate disposition endeared him to all who knew him. He was one of Nature's true gentlemen, ever considerate, courteous and dignified.

He was survived by four daughters: Mrs. J. Morris Gwinn of Chicago, Dr. Abby Janet Seymour, Miss Louise C. Seymour, and Miss Lizzie H. Seymour.

Abby Janet[8] Seymour, daughter of Erastus B., was at the time of her tragic death, the most prominent professional woman in Buffalo. Born in Batavia, N. Y., she lived from early childhood in her father's home on Niagara Square, Buffalo, afterwards occupied by the Working Boys' Home. She was graduated from the Rush Medical College of Chicago, established herself in practice in Buffalo, and gained an enviable reputation from her skill in the treatment of disease. She was a thoroughly educated woman with special talent in many directions. Besides being an excellent physician, she was an artist of considerable ability.

Early in 1895, she went to Chicago to attend the sessions of the

Post-Graduate Medical College. While there, an accident affected the nerves of her hip, necessitating the use of crutches. She had been a very active woman, and the affliction preyed upon her sensitive mind. She spent the summer in a private hospital for treatment, and in the autumn went to a private sanitarium in East Aurora. There she was unhappy, and she returned to Buffalo on 18 Oct. 1895, where she met many of her old friends, and although apparently rational, appeared to be mentally depressed. The following day she left the house of a friend, and, either by accident or design, stepped in front of a fast West Shore train and was instantly killed. She was about forty-two years old.

147. Hon. Moses[6] Seymour (*Moses*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Litchfield, Conn., 30 June 1774, died there 8 May 1826 aged 52; married at Addison, Vt., 23 Feb. 1800, Mabel[6] Strong, born at Dorset, Vt., 29 May 1782, died at Litchfield, 10 Dec. 1839 aged 57, daughter of Gen. John[5] (*Noah*[4], *Preserved*[3], *Jedediah*[2], *John*[1]) and Agnes (McCure).

He was a merchant at Litchfield; Postmaster for 25 years, Sheriff for six years. With his brother-in-law, Gen. Samuel Strong, of Vergennes, Vt., he introduced carding machines into the United States, about the beginning of the Nineteenth Century. They had some twenty of them in operation in different parts of New England. His portrait, by Ralph Earl, is reproduced herein.

Administration on the estate of Moses Seymour, Jr., late of Litchfield dec'd, was granted to Mabel Seymour, his widow, and David C. Sanford, Jr., of Litchfield; estate insolvent.

His widow Mabel was appointed guardian of Henry, Jane M., Epaphro, Moses McCure, and George Seymour, minor children of Moses, Jr., 18 May 1829.

Children:

i. Louisa S.[7], b. 12 May 1801; m. at Litchfield, 9 Feb. 1823, Stanley G.[6] Lockwood, b. at New Milford, Conn., 4 Nov. 1789, s. of Josiah[5] (*Isaac*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Ephraim*[2], *Robert*[1]) and Molly (Dickinson). He was a merchant in New Milford, New York City, Bridgeport, Conn., and after 1835 in Painesville, Ohio. Children, four b. at Bridgeport, one at Painesville: 1. *Stanley Seymour*[8], b. 2 July 1829; d. 27 Apr. 1833. 2. *George Dickinson.* b. 26 Oct. 1830. 3. *Louisa*, b. 7 Apr. 1832; m. 31 Jan. 1860, Enoch Molin. 4. *John Seymour*, b. 17 Apr. 1834. 5. *Stanley Boardman*, b. 18 Jan. 1840; m. 13 Oct. 1864, Elizabeth Lines.

ii. JOHN STRONG, b. 15 May 1803; a merchant and manufacturer, of Davenport, Iowa; m. at Litchfield, 26 Dec. 1853, RACHEL ELIZABETH WETMORE, b. at Litchfield, 26 Feb. 1819, dau. of John and Anna (Seymour).

iii. MARANA NORTON, b. 13 Feb. 1805; d. 12 Oct. 1881; res. (1870), Painesville, Ohio; m. 18 Feb. 1848, HORACE KINGSBURY, b. 1798, d. 12 Mar. 1853.

iv. DELIA STORRS, b. 25 Nov. 1806; d. 25 Dec. 1887 ae. 81, unm. A teacher at Stratford, Conn., and Red Hook; Principal of Young Ladies' Seminary, Painesville, Ohio.

v. HENRY, b. 25 Nov. 1808; d. at Painesville, Ohio, 25 Nov. 1857; m. in 1837, LEVANIA[7] HUNT, b. at Vernon, Vt., 9 Dec. 1817, dau. of Arad and Sally (Newell). Two children died in early infancy.

vi. JANE MARIA, b. 7 Mar. 1811; d. at Litchfield, 13 Aug. 1868; m. 7 Feb. 1831, JOSIAH GALE[7] BECKWITH, M.D., born at Stamford, N. Y., 14 Sept. 1803, died at Litchfield, 21 Mar. 1871, s. of Col. Nathan[6] (*Sylvanus*[5], *Hezekiah*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Matthew*[1]) and Elizabeth (Gale). He was graduated from Union College, N. Y., 1827; resided at Litchfield; a member of State Legislature; an officer of State Medical Society; warden of St. Michael's Church thirty-four years. Children: 1. *Jane Seymour*[8], b. 15 June 1833; d. 23 Jan. 1837. 2. *Elizabeth Gale*, b. 19 June 1835. 3. *Josiah Gale*, M.D., b. 14 Jan. 1838; m. 16 Jan. 1873, Anne Alsop. 4. *George Seymour*, b. 27 May 1841; m. 7 Oct. 1873, Isabel Cohen. 5. *Sarah Hunt*, b. 20 Apr. 1845.

vii. EPAPHRODITUS, b. 7 Aug. 1812; d. of cholera, 23 Oct. 1850, and buried at Dry Creek, Calif.; m. in 1839, JULIA ANN HYDE of Vernon, Ohio. He was a merchant in Kenosha, Wis., and sailed for seven years on the Pacific Ocean.

viii. MOSES MCCURE, b. 31 July 1814; d. at Painesville, Ohio, 10 Apr. 1896; m. 31 Dec. 1837, MARIA LOOMIS AIKEN, b. at Vienna, N. Y., 23 Nov. 1820, d. at Painesville, 10 Dec. 1868, dau. of Hon. David Dickey Aiken. He was a physician, and was Postmaster at Painesville, Ohio.

ix. GEORGE, b. 27 Dec. 1816; d. at Litchfield, 29 Jan. 1861; m. at Springfield, Mass., 10 Feb. 1841, SARAH NEWELL HUNT, b. at Vernon, Vt., 7 May 1821, d. at Litchfield, 21 Apr. 1843, dau. of Arad and Sally (Newell). He was graduated from Western College of Physicians and Surgeons, and became a physician in Litchfield. He served two terms in the State Legislature.

148. OZIAS[6] SEYMOUR (*Moses*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Litchfield, Conn., 8 July 1776, died there 3 June 1851; married 3 Mar. 1803, SELIMA STORRS, born at Mansfield, Conn., 29 June 1786, died at Litchfield, 2 Nov. 1814 in her 29th year, daugh-

ter of Lieut. Dan[4] (*Thomas*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Samuel*[1]) and Ruth (Conant).

He was High Sheriff from 1825, for nine years.

His will, dated 23 Sept. 1836, proved 9 June 1851, with three codicils dated 5 Oct. 1838, 23 Sept. 1842, and 13 Dec. 1850, bequeaths to David C. Sanford and Origen S. Seymour in trust for my grandson Henry Seymour Sanford, to son Origen Storrs Seymour, and to daughter Henrietta Sophronia Woodruff.

Children:

241. i. ORIGEN STORRS[7], b. 9 Feb. 1804.

ii. HENRIETTA SOPHRONIA, b. 25 Oct. 1806; d. 22 June 1892; m. 28 Sept. 1829, HON. GEORGE CATLIN[7] WOODRUFF, b. at Litchfield, 1 Dec. 1805, d. 21 Nov. 1885, s. of Morris[6] (*James*[5], *Jacob*[4], *Nathaniel*[3], *Matthew*[2], *Matthew*[1]) and Candace (Catlin). Children:

I. Henrietta Selima[8], b. 11 Apr. 1831; d. 30 July 1834.
II. George Morris, b. 3 Mar. 1836; m. Elizabeth Ferris Parsons.

iii. AMELIA SELIMA, b. 6 Mar. 1809; d. at Norwalk, Conn., 15 July 1833 ae. 24; m. 25 Apr. 1830, JUDGE DAVID CURTIS SANFORD, b. 23 Jan. 1798, s. of Joel and Huldah (Prindle). He m. (1) 1 Sept. 1822, Caroline T. Merwin, and (3) a sister of Rev. Edward Bull, rector of Christ Church, Westport. Children:

I. Henry Seymour[8], m. Sophia Claflin Daniels.
II. Caroline Amelia Selima, d. 26 July 1833 ae. 11 days.

iv. MARIA S., b. 8 Mar. 1813; d. 6 Apr. 1836 ae. 23; m. 25 May 1835, JUDGE ROLLIN SANFORD, b. at Cornwall, Vt., 27 Mar. 1806, d. at New York City, 2 Dec. 1879, s. of Simeon. He m. (2) Lucy Ann Wright of Brooklyn, N. Y., and (3) Clarinda S. Harrison of Brooklyn. Child:

I. Son, d. 22 Dec. 1835 ae. 1 day.

149. (HON.) HORATIO[6] SEYMOUR (*Moses*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Litchfield, Conn., 31 May 1778, died at Middlebury, Vt., 21 Nov. 1857; married May 1800, LUCY CASE, born at Addison, Vt., in 1779, died at Middlebury, Vt., 19 Oct. 1833, daughter of Jonah.

He prepared for college under the tuition of his brother-in-law, Rev. Truman Marsh and was graduated from Yale College, 1797. For a year he taught school at the Academy in Cheshire, Conn.; then studied in the Litchfield Law School, and was admitted to the

bar in 1800. He commenced practice in Middlebury, Vt., where he had settled in Oct. 1799. He was Postmaster of Middlebury, 1800-1809; member of the State Council, 1809-1814; State's Attorney for Addison County, 1810-1813, 1815-1819; elected as a Clay Democrat to the U. S. Senate, 1820; reëlected 1826; and served from 4 Mar. 1821 to 3 Mar. 1833; unsuccessful Whig candidate for governor of Vermont, 1836; Judge of the Probate Court, 1847-1856. Trustee of Middlebury College, 1810-1855; LL.D., Yale, 1847. He had an extensive practice before he entered the Senate, and acquired a large property, but subsequently lost it chiefly through becoming surety for others. His portrait, and a picture of his mansion in Middlebury, Vt., are included herein.

Children:

242. i. Ozias[7], b. 12 Mar. 1801.
243. ii. Moses, b. 6 Apr. 1803.
iii. Mary, b. Dec. 1805; d. June 1821, unm.
iv. Henry, b. ———; d. at Boston, Mass., Jan. 1847, unm.
v. Emma Hart, b. 5 Jan. 1809; d. at Middlebury, 3 Nov. 1841; m. at Middlebury, 28 Nov. 1836, Philip Battell, b. at Norfolk, Conn., 28 Nov. 1807, s. of Joseph and Sarah (Robbins), a graduate of Middlebury College, 1826. Children: 1. *Emma Seymour*, b. 5 Sept. 1837; m. 25 Nov. 1870, Hon. John Wolcott Stewart, Governor of Vermont. 2. *Joseph.* b. 15 July 1839; living unm. (1908).
vi. Horatio, b. abt. 1814; d. Sept. 1872; m. Elizabeth Staats, b. 20 June 1816, d. 15 Mar. 1876. Children:

I. Horatio Schuyler[8], b. 25 Mar. 1842; d. unm. 5 July 1870.
II. Barent Staats, b. 21 Nov. 1843; d. unm. 28 Dec. 1874.

Henry[7] Seymour (-1847) was a merchant's clerk until he was of age, but never engaged in regular business. He was with the U. S. Army in Florida during most of the Seminole War. He afterwards went to the coast of Africa with the U. S. S. Jamestown, and died on his return.

Horatio[7] Seymour (1814-1872) was educated at Middlebury College and settled in Buffalo, N. Y., where he became a lawyer of note. He served as Corporal in the Buffalo City Guards, Jan. to Feb. 1838, in the Northern Frontier disturbances.

Joseph[8] Battell (1839-) was a nephew and namesake of Joseph Battell of Norfolk, Conn., donor to Battell Chapel, Yale College. He was a man of great energy, multiple interests, and some eccentricity. He was editor and proprietor of the Middlebury

(Vt.) *Register*, owned 40,000 acres of timber-land and was engaged in the lumber business as well as in other enterprises. He wrote books and numerous newspaper articles, at times keeping from three to five stenographers busy simultaneously with dictation. He was also active in public life, serving six terms in the Vermont Legislature as Representative, and in 1876 as Senator from Addison County. He was deeply interested in scientific and philosophic subjects, about which he wrote considerably. His most noted book was "Ellen, or Whisperings of an Old Pine," in which he expressed his philosophic views, particularly his antagonism to the doctrine of evolution. Man does not, in order to create a piano, create a violin which evolves into a piano; each is a distinct creation, was his method of reasoning, which he pursued to the obvious analogy.

The title of his book referred to the high, beautiful, Ellen Mountain, which he bought in 1904 (four thousand acres) to make into a forest preserve and pleasure grounds for public use.

150. HENRY[6] SEYMOUR (*Moses*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Litchfield, Conn., 30 May 1780, died at Utica, N. Y., 26 Aug. 1837 (gravestone); married at Cazenovia, N. Y., 1 Jan. 1807, MARY LEDYARD[7] FORMAN, born at Monmouth, N. J., 18 Feb. 1785, died at Utica, 16 Sept. 1859 (gravestone), daughter of Gen. Jonathan[6] (*Samuel*[5], *Jonathan*[4], *Samuel*[3], *Aaron*[2], *Robert*[1]) and Mary (Ledyard), of New Jersey, but at the time a resident of Cazenovia.

General Forman removed about 1797 to Cazenovia, N. Y., where his daughter was married. He left Princeton College at the age of nineteen to enter the army, and served through the Revolutionary War, rising to the rank of Colonel. His wife, Mrs. Seymour's mother, was Mary Ledyard, daughter of Capt. Youngs Ledyard, and niece and namesake of Mary (Ledyard) Seymour, the wife of the First Mayor of Hartford [No. 83].

Henry Seymour moved at an early age from Litchfield to Pompey Hill, N. Y., and entered into business as a merchant. By his integrity, sound judgment, and executive ability, he soon became well and favorably known, and from 1816 to 1819, and again in 1822, he was elected State Senator from that part of the State then known as the Western District. In 1818 he was nominated and chosen by the Assembly a member of the "Council of Appointment," which body

had the appointing of a great number of the civil, military and judicial officers of the State. On 24 Mar. 1819, he was appointed one of the Commissioners in charge of the Erie and Champlain Canals, then being constructed. He held this office, and was actively engaged in the discharge of its duties until 1833, having in the meantime, during the year 1819, removed his residence to Utica, of which place he was Mayor. He resigned the office of Canal Commissioner in 1833, and was chosen President of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Co., of the City of New York. The change from an active life in the country to the sedentary labors of an office in New York, destroyed his health.

Portraits of Henry Seymour and Mary Ledyard (Forman) Seymour are included in the present volume.

Children, born at Pompey, N. Y., except youngest, born at Utica, N. Y.:

i. MARY FORMAN[7], b. 15 Sept. 1807; m. 28 July 1828, RUTGER BLEEKER MILLER, b. 18 July 1805, s. of Judge Morris Smith and Maria (Bleeker). Children: 1. *Blandina*[8], living unm. (1880) at the Olbiston, Utica, N. Y. 2. *Margaret Davidson*, unm. 1880. 3. *Helen Lincklaen*, unm. 1880. 4. *Mary*, m. Andrew Heatley Green. 5. *Sophia S.*, m. ——— Jewett. 6. *Sarah M.*, m. 20 Aug. 1874, John Brandegee Wood. 7. *Henry Rutger*. 8. *Julia*. 9. *Morris*.

244. ii. HORATIO, b. 31 May 1810.

iii. SOPHIA APOLINA, b. 2 Aug. 1812; m. EDWARD F. SHONNARD of Yonkers, N. Y.

245. iv. JOHN FORMAN, b. 21 Sept. 1814.

v. HELEN CLARISSA, b. 1 Mar. 1818; d. 4 June 1894; m. 7 Dec. 1843, LEDYARD LINCKLAEN. Child: 1. *Helen*[8], b. 1846, d. 5 May 1931; m. 1 June 1871, Hon. Charles S. Fairchild, who d. Nov. 1924.

vi. JULIA CATHERINE, b. 4 May 1827; d. at Utica, N. Y., 10 (18 by gravestone) Oct. 1893; m. at Utica, 25 June 1855, HON. ROSCOE CONKLING, b. at Albany, N. Y., 30 Oct. 1829, d. at New York City, 18 Apr. 1888, s. of Alfred and Eliza (Cockburn). Child: 1. *Elizabeth C.*[8], b. ———; m. 30 Apr. 1879, Walter George Oakman, of New York City.

HELEN CLARISSA[7] SEYMOUR (1818-1894) was wife of Ledyard Lincklaen of Cazenovia, N. Y., adopted son of Jan Lincklaen, founder of that village. The latter had no children and at his request, by act of the Legislature, the adopted son's name, Lincklaen Ledyard, was transposed so that the name of Lincklaen might be perpetuated.

But Mr. and Mrs. Lincklaen had no male issue, their only child being Mrs. Fairchild; so with Mrs. Lincklaen's death died also the honored name of Lincklaen.

The Ledyard homestead in Cazenovia, a superb place facing the lake, with extensive holdings of land, was one of the fine places of the region.

With an ample fortune at her disposal, Mrs. Lincklaen devoted much of her life to works of charity. She was a member of St. Peter's Church and active in religious matters, and the people of Cazenovia, where nearly her entire life was spent, received many evidences of her benevolent character. Gracious, kind and generous, she nevertheless held her opinions strongly and expressed them with direct and emphatic speech. Her portrait, and that of her daughter, Mrs. Fairchild, are included in the present volume.

HELEN[8] LINCKLAEN (1846-1931), only child of the above, became wife of Hon. Charles S. Fairchild in 1871. "Lorenzo," the old Lincklaen place by the lake at Cazenovia, was for nearly eighty-six years her home. In 1875 Mr. Fairchild was elected Attorney-General of New York State. In 1885 he became Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and upon the resignation of Daniel Manning he served as Secretary of the Treasury in the Cabinet of President Grover Cleveland. The activities in public life, travel, and large business interests, for many years kept Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild away from their home for considerable intervals of time, but they always came back to Cazenovia and "Lorenzo" as the center of their life and affection.

Mrs. Fairchild was a woman of rare nobility of character and of unusual attainments, intellectual and in the graces of life, and was eminently fitted for the varied duties and pleasures that she shared with her husband during his long and successful career. While dispensing gracious hospitality, she found time for extensive reading and study and the writing of books, and was deeply interested in historical and genealogical research. She compiled from the Journals of John Lincklaen, a record of "Travels in Pennsylvania, Vermont and New York 1791-1792," published in 1897. She wrote the life of "Francis Adrian Van Der Kemp," the Dutch patriot, friend of Adams and Jefferson, who came to America in 1788, published in 1903. She was a member of the Colonial Dames, and also

of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She intensely loved her country and its institutions; she was proud of its best traditions, and of the great men, soldiers and statesmen, associated with its history.

Some of her benefactions were known, but most of them—and they were numerous—were bestowed in the way commended by the Scriptures. Her friends were many and devoted.

"After a well-spent life she passed on in the fullness of years, honored and beloved by friends and family, and satisfied with the faith that told her of the meetings without partings. Mrs. Fairchild was an Episcopalian by tradition and conviction, holding firmly to the old-time teachings and practices; faithful in her attendance upon the services of the sanctuary, and with a purse open to appeals for the work and support of the church. In New York City, Grace Church was her church home, and both she and Mr. Fairchild were warm friends of the late Rev. William R. Huntington. But she always looked upon St. Peters, Cazenovia, as her own. It was the parish church of her family and ever dear in her sight. It was from St. Peters that all that was mortal of this good and noble woman was carried to the family plot in our beautiful cemetery, there to remain until the Archangel's trumpet shall sound the everlasting morn." [*The Cazenovia Republican*, 28 May 1931.]

Julia Catherine[7] Seymour (1827-1893) was born at Utica, N. Y., in the then new Seymour homestead on Whitesboro Street, the youngest sister of Gov. Seymour and of Mrs. Lincklaen. She became the wife of Senator Roscoe Conkling in June 1855, being married by the Rev. S. Hanson Coxe, D.D., of Utica.

She was a communicant of Trinity Church during the rectorship of Dr. Coxe, and upon his resignation in 1877 she became connected with Calvary Church, a connection she retained until her death. She was the regent and founder of the Oneida Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution, and took a lively interest in this organization. Just previous to her last illness, she was planning a series of historical papers to be delivered by eminent specialists in Revolutionary history before this society.

Although not officially connected with charitable organizations, her charities and benefactions were numerous and munificent. Of

late years she spent a portion of each winter at her daughter's residence in New York, and a portion of the summer at Mr. Oakman's cottage at Southampton, Long Island. During Mr. Conkling's public career, she entertained many dignitaries of the land, both civil and military. At Washington and Utica, her hospitality was noted for its charming grace and dignity.

A Washington friend wrote: "I remember Mrs. Roscoe Conkling in the first years of the [Civil] War, when she shone in Washington, where she devoted much time and energy to the sick soldiers in the hospitals. She looked like some worthy chatelaine of the Middle Ages, as she came from her errands of mercy, 'with a pale cheek, and yet a brow inspired,' and yet she was always composed, gentle, and firm. At dinner parties we used to say that Senator and Mrs. Conkling were the handsomest pair in Washington.

"I was at a dinner with her at Governor Morgan's, given to General Grant after he was elected, but before the inauguration. Mrs. Conkling, looking splendid in a blue brocade with pearls, was taken in by Senator Sumner. After dinner I had a few words with him. I said: 'I have been so fortunate as to sit next to Mr. Conkling, and we have talked poetry.' Senator Sumner replied: 'I have been so lucky as to sit next to Mrs. Conkling, and we have talked sense. Do you know, she is one of the few women who *can* talk sense.' "

She was characterized as a woman without vanity, though beautiful; without undue pride, though of aristocratic lineage and connections; a woman pure, self-contained, silent, yet overflowing with sympathy. Her portrait is included in the present volume.

151. EPAPHRODITUS[6] SEYMOUR (*Moses*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Litchfield, Conn., 8 July 1783, died at Brattleboro, Vt., 10 June 1854; married MARY ROOT.

He was president of the Brattleboro (Vt.) Bank.

Child:

i. HENRY[7], b. 1828; d. 23 Nov. 1830 ae. 2 yrs. 6 mos.

152. FRIEND[6] SEYMOUR (*Aaron*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 19 Oct. 1775, died (probably 19 Sept. 1843); married first, at Boston, Mass., 17 Dec. 1803, SALLY (BRAY) MOORE, born at Gloucester, Mass., in 1782, died at Roxbury, Mass.,

Oct. 1819, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Killam) Bray, and widow of ——— Moore; married second, ——— (———) Osborn.

He was in business in Hartford, and afterwards removed to Boston, where he was a brass founder.

Children, first baptized at Gloucester, others born at Boston, Mass.:

i. Edward Phelps[7], bapt. 9 Sept. 1805.
ii. Sarah Ann, b. 18 Jan. 1808; m. (intention, 27 Dec. 1829), Samuel Courtney.
iii. Friend, b. 1 Dec. 1810.
iv. Solomon, b. 14 July 1813.

153. Edward Phelps[6] Seymour (*Aaron*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 9 Jan. 1780, died there 5 July 1845; married at Stockbridge, Mass., 27 June 1811, Phidelia[5] Deming, born at Wethersfield, Conn., 20 Aug. 1780, died at Herkimer, N. Y., 1833, daughter of Josiah[4] (*William*[3], *Samuel*[2], *John*[1]) and Lois (Riley).

He was a printer in Hartford, afterwards removed to Herkimer, N. Y.

Children:

i. Edward[7], b. abt. 1812; d. at New Orleans, La., 1 Dec. 1836, unm.
ii. Louis, b. abt. 1816; d. at New Haven, Conn., 8 Dec. 1840 ae. 24 (gravestone).
iii. Frederick.
iv. Delia, b. abt. 1817, d. at West Hartford, Conn., 26 May 1852; m. at Hartford, 27 Sept. 1849, as his second wife, Chester[8] Faxon, b. at West Hartford, 14 Sept. 1805, d. 5 Nov. 1885, s. of Ebenezer[7] (*Ebenezer*[6], *Thomas*[5], *Richard*[4], *Thomas*[3], *Richard*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Mary (Colton).

154. Moses D.[6] Seymour (*Aaron*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 3 June 1782, died at New Britain, Conn., 7 July 1839; married at New Britain, 29 Jan. 1807, Abigail Hart, born at New Britain, 28 Oct. 1786, died at Hartford, 16 Mar. 1858, daughter of Juhudah[5] (*Elijah*[4], *Thomas*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Stephen*[1]) and Mary (Munson).

He was a clothier.

Children:

246. i. Orson Hart[7], b. 1 Sept. 1807.
ii. Henry (twin), d. 17 Mar. 1809.

iii. Oliver (twin), d. 17 Mar. 1809.
iv. Mary Ann, b. 8 July 1811; d. 7 Mar. 1813.
v. Mary Ann, b. 4 Oct. 1813; m. (1) 8 Jan. 1844, William Palmer, who d. 24 Mar. 1854, s. of William of Haddam; m. (2) 19 Apr. 1860, Bradford Bullock.
247. vi. Henry Phelps, b. 2 Aug. 1818.
vii. Oliver DeWitt, b. 31 Dec. 1820; m. at Hartford, 18 Oct. 1843, Harriet H.[7] Marsh, b. 2 Jan. 1821, dau. of Guy C.[6] (*John*[5], *Hezekiah*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Lamira (Way). Children:

I. Oliver D.[8], b. July 1844; d. at Charleston, S. C., 27 Aug. 1871; m. Lottie Sage. Child:

(1) Oliver[9], b. Nov. 1871; d. 1876.

II. Hattie Hart, b. Jan. 1846; d. 9 May 1886; m. Miles B. Preston.
III. Helen L., b. Aug. 1859; m. Charles A. Swan.

155. Israel T.[6] Seymour (*Aaron*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 29 July 1784, died at Troy, N. Y., 10 Apr. 1852; married first, 12 Nov. 1809, Sally Church, born at Templeton, Mass., 23 May 1785, died at Troy, N. Y., 7 June 1822, daughter of Nathaniel; married second, 4 Jan. 1824, Lucinda Pierce, born at Waltham, Mass., 4 Jan. 1796, died at Troy, 25 Sept. 1874, daughter of William and Lucinda (Brintnall).

Children by first wife, born at Troy:

i. Charles Edward[7], b. 15 Dec. 1810; d. at Troy, 29 Sept. 1835; m. at Troy, 1 Jan. 1833, Sally Ann Pickle, b. at Troy, 13 Jan. 1810, dau. of Henry and Jane. Child:

I. Israel Henry[8], b. 29 Apr. 1835; d. 19 Dec. 1837.

ii. Eleanora (twin), b. 18 Mar. 1813; d. at Toledo, Ohio, 22 Feb. 1839; m. 20 Sept. 1836, Samuel B. Scott.
iii. Luman (twin), b. 18 Mar. 1813; d. 5 Sept. 1813.
iv. Delia Ann, b. 12 Dec. 1817; d. 11 Nov. 1822.
v. Infant, b. and d. 19 May 1820.
vi. Walter Jones, b. 4 June 1822; m. at Troy, 11 May 1855, Elizabeth (Mann) Sweetland, dau. of Timothy.

Children by second wife:

vii. Henry Israel, b. 7 Sept. 1824; d. at Troy, 18 Dec. 1870; m. 27 Sept. 1859, Delia Ann Peet, dau. of Louis and Isabel (Pierce). No issue.
248. viii. William Pierce, b. 17 Oct. 1825.
249. ix. George Ruthven, b. 9 Aug. 1829.

HENRY ISRAEL[7] SEYMOUR (1824-1870) was a chair manufacturer, of Troy. Endowed with a mind of extraordinary vigor, he strengthened and enriched it by extensive reading and earnest thought, and few of his fellow-citizens were able to cope with him in discussions of questions of the day. He was not without his prejudices; but he also possessed in a large degree the qualities of a warm and generous friendship, and those who knew him intimately were strongly attached to him. He was a good friend to the poor, and gave with no grudging hand to those who required assistance. He never forgot a friendly act, and in after years more than repaid some of those who aided him in his early career. As a business man, he was not merely successful; he gave employment to hundreds of persons, and contributed largely to the prosperity of Troy.

156. AARON[6] SEYMOUR (*Aaron*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 9 May 1789, died at Westmoreland, Oneida Co., N. Y., 21 Feb. 1860; married first, 7 Sept. 1829, ABIGAIL SEWARD[6] DOWD, born 1795, died near Utica, N. Y., 1835, daughter of John[5] (*Amos*[4], *Isaac*[3], *John*[2], *Henry*[1]) and Concurrence (Seward); married second, MARIA BISHOP.

He was a dyer by trade.

Children by first wife:

i. JOHN[7], d. young.
ii. ABIGAIL, d. young.

Child by second wife:

iii. CHARLES L., res. Chicago, Ill.

157. ROMANTA[6] SEYMOUR (*Aaron*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 4 Dec. 1794, died at Hartford, 18 Aug. 1852; married 20 Dec. 1825, JULIA MARIA[7] COGSWELL, born at New Preston, Conn., 16 Feb. 1805, died at West Hartford, 28 Jan. 1878, daughter of Hon. William[6] (*William*[5], *Edward*[4], *William*[3], *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Amaryllis (Johnson).

He was a farmer in West Hartford, on land that had belonged to the first John Seymour, and which continued in the family until 1876.

Children:

250. i. WILLIAM HENRY[7], b. 26 Oct. 1827.
ii. DEWITT CLINTON, bapt. 11 May 1834; d. at Brattleboro, Vt., 21 Apr. 1868, unm.

158. JAMES[6] SEYMOUR (*Samuel*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Litchfield, Conn., 20 Apr. 1791, died at Lansing, Mich., 30 Dec. 1864, aged 73 years; married first, 2 Mar. 1818, MYRA ABIGAIL HILL, born at St. Albans, Vt., about 1798, died at Flushing, Mich., 9 Aug. 1847, aged 49 years; married second, 30 Oct. 1849, PRUA (———) SMITH, who died in 1877.

He removed to Pompey Hill, N. Y., in 1812, and five years later established himself as a merchant in Clarkson, Monroe County, N. Y.; he was the first Supervisor of that town, and in 1821 was appointed Sheriff. In 1823 he moved his business to Brockport, N. Y. He played an active part in the building up of that town, and in the routing of the Erie Canal, then in course of construction. In 1824 he was an organizer of the Bank of Rochester, and served as its cashier and afterwards as its president.

He became interested with his brother Charles in the purchase and settlement of Flushing, Mich., in 1835, and they built the first mills there. He settled there in 1845, and in Lansing in 1847. There he was Supervisor, and an Elder in the Presbyterian Church; and he served in both House and Senate of the Michigan Legislature.

He was an active and intelligent man, handsome in appearance and dignified in bearing; esteemed for his probity and judgment. He was a Jeffersonian Democrat, and at a later period one of the organizers of the Republican party.

Children:

i. MARY[7], b. 18 May 1819; d. at St. Croix, W. I., 24 Dec. 1836.
ii. LOUISA, b. in 1821; d. in 1822.
iii. CHARLES, b. 8 July 1823; d. 8 June 1881; res. Rochester, N. Y.; m. 18 Aug. 1853, JANE E. HASTINGS.
iv. JAMES, b. in 1825; d. in 1826.
251. v. JAMES, b. 5 July 1827.
vi. LOUISA, b. 21 Mar. 1829; d. at Utica, N. Y., unm.
vii. HARRIET, b. 5 Jan. 1831; d. near Philadelphia, Pa.; missionary to Harpoot, Eastern Turkey.
viii. EVELYN, b. 5 July 1832; m. 1 Jan. 1856, ALBERT M. HASTINGS, b. at Geneseo, N. Y., 3 Mar. 1829, d. 30 Jan. 1885, s. of Orlando and Lydia F. They lived in Rochester, N. Y. Children:

1. *Charles Seymour*[8], b. 23 Nov. 1857; m. 25 Jan. 1881, Kate A. Peck. 2. *Henry N.*, b. 18 Aug. 1860. 3. *Helen M.*, b. 25 Dec. 1872.

252. ix. HENRY, b. 19 Aug. 1834.

x. EMILY, b. 3 May 1836; d. at Lansdowne, Pa., 5 Aug. 1910; m. 15 Oct. 1859, REV. CHESTER SOLON ARMSTRONG, b. at Parishville, N. Y., in 1826, d. at Battle Creek, Mich., in 1890. He was a Presbyterian clergyman. Five children.

xi. GEORGE HILL, b. 26 Nov. 1838; lived, unm., in Grand Haven, Mich.

xii. MARY, b. 19 Feb. 1841; member of the D. A. R.; d. at Brockport, N. Y.

159. WILLIAM HENRY[6] SEYMOUR (*Samuel*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Litchfield, Conn., 15 July 1802, died in 1903; married Apr. 1833, NANCY PIXLEY, born at Hillsdale, N. Y., in 1804, daughter of Ephraim and ——— (Rogers).

He lived in Brockport, N. Y.

He removed from Litchfield to Clarkson, Monroe Co., N. Y., about 1820, and to Brockport in 1823. He was clerk for his brother James, who was in the dry-goods and grocery business; a few years later he carried on the same business, and continued until 1844. Soon after, he engaged in the foundry and machine business, and in 1845 he manufactured for McCormick the first successful reaping machine for cutting grain. He was connected with McCormick in other of his inventions, and also patented a mowing machine. He retired from business in 1877, and continued to reside in Brockport.

He celebrated his 101st birthday in Brockport, 15 July 1903, by rising at 6 o'clock, eating a hearty breakfast, and going out to play croquet with members of the family. In the afternoon friends dropped in and Mr. Seymour won several games of whist. In fact, he showed such splendid control of the game that it was difficult to find any error in his leads.

After retiring with a comfortable fortune, he spent much time abroad; toured England at the age of 86, and when over 90 spent weeks in Chicago, visiting the Exposition every day.

Children:

253. i. HENRY WILLIAM[7], b. 21 July 1834.

ii. MARY, b. 25 July 1836; d. 29 Mar. 1849.

iii. JOHN, b. 29 Sept. 1839; d. 6 Aug. 1841.

iv. HELEN M., b. 29 June 1845; m. W. B. SYLVESTER, of Brockport.

v. JAMES HORATIO, b. 3 Oct. 1847; member of the S. A. R.; d. at Los Angeles, Calif., in 1932.

160. MICHAEL[6] SEYMOUR (*Michael*[5], *Richard*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 1 Apr. 1788, died there 9 July 1842; married at Litchfield, Conn., 29 Nov. 1818, REBECCA WOOSTER, born 17 Apr. 1791, died at Hartford, 31 June 1852, daughter of Lemuel and Lavinia (———).

He was admitted to the South Church, Hartford, in 1809, chosen deacon, Sept. 1820, resigned in 1830.

Children:

i. WOOSTER BRACE[7], b. 19 June 1820; m. ELIZA C. ADAMS, who d. 14 Aug. 1903 in 77th yr.*

ii. CORNELIA ANN, b. 28 Apr. 1822; m. 18 Nov. 1840, WILLIAM WIGHT GIDDINGS, of New Britain, b. at Preston, Conn.. 11 Aug. 1817.†

iii. LAVINIA MESSELIA, b. 19 Jan. 1824.

iv. LEMUEL MICHAEL, b. 3 Mar. 1826; d. at Hartford, 10 Jan. 1897; m. at Bloomfield, Conn., 29 Aug. 1859, MARIE LOUISE CADWELL, b. at Bloomfield, 28 Apr. 1835, d. at Hartford, 19 Feb. 1914, dau. of William Woodbridge and Achsah Roxana (Goodman). Children:

I. Lilla Hortense[8], b. 11 July 1862; d. 13 May 1915, unm.

II. Carrie Louise, b. 29 June 1864; unm.

III. Lemuel Wooster, b. 4 July 1867; d. at Hartford, 5 Sept. 1917; engaged in farming and real estate; m. at Hartford, 22 Sept. 1892, Lucia Wright Simons, b. at New Haven, Conn., 10 May 1871, res. (1919) Hartford. Children:

(1) Lila Wright[9], b. 19 Feb. 1894.
(2) Lyman Wooster, b. 14 June 1895; d. 15 July 1914.
(3) Grace Lucia, b. 15 June 1896.

161. FREEMAN[6] SEYMOUR (*Freeman*[5], *Richard*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 22 Aug. 1780, died there in 1861; married at Hartford, Conn., 2 Dec. 1819, MARGARET CLARK, born in 1792, died in 1870.

Children:

i. FREEMAN[7], b. 28 Oct. 1820; d. 5 Apr. 1897; m. (1) MARY ROBBINS; m. (2) CAROLINE (PHELPS) ATKINS; m. (3) in 1880, MARY O. SMITH, of Enfield, Conn., who d. 10 Mar. 1923 ae. 81. dau. of

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* Children: Mrs. Frederick N. Tucker; Linville B. Seymour; and Ashbel (d. 2 Feb. 1903 ae. 48, unm.).

† Their son, Frederick W. Giddings (d. 5 Jan. 1916 in 66th yr.) was Deputy U. S. Customs Collector.

Hon. John M. and Jane (Boyd). The third Mrs. Seymour had taught school some years in the South School on Wadsworth Street, Hartford, before her marriage. She was first president of the Charter Oak Branch, International Sunshine Society, and a member of the Hearthstone Club. She was also a member of the South Congregational Church, and of the Women's Auxiliary to the Hartford Y. M. C. A., and for twenty years was president of the Hartford branch of the Children's Aid Society. Child by second wife:

I. Freeman Phelps[8], m. 19 June 1901, Annabel Leonore Bolger.

ii. WILLIAM H., b. ———; d. at Hartford, 26 Apr. 1847; m. at Hartford, 16 Sept. 1847, ELIZA REBECCA[7] BOARDMAN, b. at Hartford, 3 Mar. 1824, d. there 29 Mar. 1873, dau. of Benjamin Jeduthan[6] (*Elizur*[5], *Edward*[4], *Isaac*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Samuel*[1]) and Sally (Clark). Children:

I. William[8], b. 18 Jan. 1848; d. 21 Apr. 1849.
II. Margaret Clark, b. 20 June 1857; m. 5 Nov. 1879, Frank Brewer.

iii. DORUS CLARK, b. in 1824; d. at Middletown, Conn., 15 Jan. 1892.
iv. MARGARET, b. in 1828; d. in 1852.

162. JAMES[6] SEYMOUR (*Freeman*[5], *Richard*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 26 Aug. 1782, died there 30 May 1844; married first, at Wethersfield, Conn., 2 Nov. 1806, MARY BUTLER, born 19 June 1785, died at Hartford, 28 Sept. 1826, daughter of John and Love (Smith); married second, at Hartford, 31 Jan. 1833, EUNICE WEBSTER, born 17 Oct. 1784, died at Hartford, 30 Dec. 1863, daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Bunce).

Children by first wife:

i. WALTER[7], b. at Wethersfield, 24 Oct. 1808; d. 25 Nov. 1883; m. 2 Oct. 1833, LAURA A. WARNER, b. 9 Feb. 1812, d. 27 July 1899, dau. of Robert Welles and Hannah (Wright). Children:

I. Mary Jane[8], b. 18 Apr. 1835; d. 5 Oct. 1919; m. 24 May 1861, Parker Hampshire, an engraver of Hartford, b. at Thompsonville, Conn., 25 Jan. 1847, d. 31 Jan. 1919.
II. Martha Ann, b. 3 June 1838; d. 30 Jan. 1914; m. 8 May 1857, Isaac K. Newton.
III. Cornelius W., b. 27 July 1840; d. 20 Dec. 1860(?).
IV. Susan Lavinia, b. 25 Sept. 1842; d. ae. about 16.
V. Arthur Newell, b. 31 Oct. 1845; d. 24 Dec. 1897, unm.
VI. Augustin Edgar, b. 18 Jan. 1848; d. 3 July 1869.
VII. Albert L., b. 25 Mar. 1850; d. 20 Jan. 1871.

ii. MARY BUTLER, bapt. 3 July 1817; m. 23 Jan. 1833, NATHAN S. SWAN.

iii. LUCY, b. 27 June 1816; d. 27 Jan. 1892; m. at Hartford, 22 Nov. 1838, MATTHEW[6] FRANCIS, b. at Wethersfield, Conn., 10 Jan. 1813, d. 10 Jan. 1886, s. of Matthew[5] (*John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Robert*[1]) and Hannah (Deming). Children: 1. *Edward Matthew*, b. 1 Dec. 1841; d. 12 Sept. 1917; m. 24 Mar. 1870, Elizabeth M. Edwards.* 2. *Francena*, b. 2 Nov. 1846. 3. *Alfred Seymour*, b. 14 Aug. 1851; m. 9 Feb. 1882, Harriet M. Smith.

iv. ELIZABETH, bapt. 5 Sept. 1819.

v. JAMES ELIZUR, bapt. 15 June 1823.

vi. ISRAEL, d. Sept. 1826 ae. 9 days.

163. FREDERICK[6] SEYMOUR (*Freeman*[5], *Richard*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 3 July 1789, died there 9 Sept. 1837; married at Hartford, 29 Nov. 1810, NANCY COLLIER, who was living at Wolcottville in May 1871.

He served in the War of 1812, enlisting at Hartford in Aug. 1814, and was under arms at New London for two months.

Children:

i. MARIA[7].

ii. HARRIET.

iii. CHARLOTTE.

iv. ANN.

v. CAROLINE.

vi. BURRALL.

164. HORACE[6] SEYMOUR (*Freeman*[5], *Richard*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 21 Dec. 1791, died there 3 Apr. 1868; married 20 Oct. 1816, SOPHIA SPENCER, born 14 July 1795, died at Hartford, 29 July 1874, daughter of Benjamin and Annie (Olcott) of Windsor.

Children:

i. MARY ANN[7], b. 15 July 1817; d. 2 July 1879.

254. ii. HENRY TERRY, b. 20 Oct. 1818.

iii. LEVERETT, b. 5 July 1820; d. 15 Feb. 1883; m. at Lenox, Mass., 8 Apr. 1858, HARRIET E. CLARKE, b. abt. 1827, d. 31 Oct. 1876, dau. of Joseph R. of Lenox. Child:

I. Minnie A.[8]

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* Edward M. Francis was educated at the Wethersfield Academy. In the early 1860's he went to Montana with a party of pioneers and soldiers, covering more than 2000 miles on foot and horseback.

iv. SOPHIA, b. 6 Apr. 1822; d. 10 Apr. 1905.

v. CHARLES BRACE, b. 16 Feb. 1824; d. at Bridgeport, Conn., 5 Jan. 1905; m. JENNET C. WEBSTER, b. 11 Aug. 1827, d. 24 Sept. 1875.

vi. ELLEN MARIE, b. 1 July 1826; d. 14 Aug. 1918.

vii. SPENCER HORACE, b. 20 Mar. 1828; d. at Hartford, 18 Oct. 1913; wholesale provision dealer; m. at Bloomfield, Conn., HARRIET ELIZABETH ADAMS, b. at Simsbury, Conn., 9 Apr. 1836, d. at Hartford, Conn., 1 Dec. 1898, dau. of Ambrose H. and Amorite. Children:

I. Mary Spencer[8], b. 12 Nov. 1860; d. 14 Jan. 1890.
II. Harriet Lura, b. 14 Jan. 1863; a teacher, res. Hartford.

viii. CORNELIA B., b. 16 Mar. 1830; d. Dec. 1907; m. 1 Dec. 1858, DANIEL DUSTIN HANSON, M.D.

ix. SUSAN TERRY, b. 3 Aug. 1832; d. 26 May 1902.

x. JOHN, b. 20 Sept. 1834; d. 9 Mar. 1908; m. HELEN M. ———, who d. 17 July 1919. Children:

I. Howard C.[8]
II. Daughter.

xi. JULIA TERRY, b. 20 Jan. 1837; d. at Hartford, 14 June 1923.

165. RICHARD[6] SEYMOUR (*Richard*[5], *Richard*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 3 May 1787, died 5 July 1840 aged 52; married at Hartford, 11 Feb. 1813, AMANDA[7] FOOTE, born at Canton, Conn., 27 Sept. 1795, died 12 July 1869, daughter of Joseph[6] (*Jacob*[5], *Daniel*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Robert*[2], *Nathaniel*[1]) and Cynthia (Hosford).

Children:

i. REUBEN[7], b. 20 Aug. 1815; d. 17 Mar. 1818.

ii. JULIUS, b. 20 Feb. 1817; d. 19 Oct. 1822.

255. iii. SYLVESTER, b. 25 July 1818.

iv. CYNTHIA HOSFORD, b. 14 Nov. 1819; d. 7 May 1903; m. at Hartford, 21 Nov. 1838, WILLIAM GRANT[7] COLLINS, b. at Wapping, Conn., 18 Mar. 1812, s. of Col. John[6] (*Col. John*[5], *Dea. William*[4], *Rev. Nathaniel*[3], *Rev. Nathaniel*[2], *Edward*[1]) and Hannah (Grant).

v. ELIZA, b. 30 Apr. 1821; m. 31 Oct. 1841, ELIAB ALDEN GIDDINGS, of Romeo, Mich., b. 24 Apr. 1820.

vi. RICHARD, b. 12 July 1823; d. at Germania, Iowa, 28 June 1906; m. in 1857, LUCY A. ROBBINS, b. at Wethersfield, Conn., in 1832, d. at Hartford, 15 Jan. 1906, dau. of Josiah and Harriet (Crane). Children:

I. Hattie[8], d. ae. 24.
II. Edward Gordon, res. Germania, Iowa.

vii. AMANDA. b. 17 Dec. 1824; m. 16 Oct. 1867, as his second wife, WILLIAM W. HAVENS.
viii. HARRIET, b. 17 Oct. 1826; d. 10 Dec. 1827.
ix. CHAUNCEY, b. 9 Nov. 1828.
x. DANIEL FOOTE, b. 7 July 1831; m. CATHERINE ADAMS. Child:

I. Lizzie Estella[8], m. 1 Nov. 1876, George Luther Parmelee, of Hartford, b. at Meriden, 13 Jan. 1848.

xi. DELIA JANE, b. 12 Nov. 1834; m. (1) 15 Oct. 1857, LEONARD JACKSON of Cleveland, Ohio, who d. 13 July 1859; m. (2) 15 Mar. 1864, HENRY GOTT, b. at Spencerport, N. Y., 2 Dec. 1832, s. of Samuel and Chloe (Gilman).

166. HENRY[6] SEYMOUR (*Richard*[5], *Richard*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 13 Apr. 1795, died at Hartford, 15 Aug. 1859; married first, 16 Aug. 1818, LAURA PITKIN PORTER, born 17 July 1796, died 20 Apr. 1847, daughter of John and Hannah (Pitkin); married second, at Hartford, 26 Mar. 1848, MARY TALCOTT, born 17 Jan. 1806, died at Glastonbury, Conn., 17 Feb. 1883, daughter of Asa and Polly (White).

Children by first wife:*

i. HENRY PORTER[7], b. abt. 1819; d. at Hartford, 6 Dec. 1871 ae. 53; m ISABEL ORR, who d. 1 Nov. 1904 in her 79th yr.; no issue.
ii. JANE ELIZABETH, m. SYLVANUS BACKUS.
iii. MARIA, m. JOHN PERKINS.
iv. JULIA ANN.
v. CHARLES L., b. abt. 1827; d. at Hartford, 24 Sept. 1884 ae. 57; m. SARAH BUTLER WILLIAMS, bapt. at Wethersfield, Conn., 3 Dec. 1826, d. 25 Oct. 1897, dau. of Ezekiel and Adaline M. (Butler). He was prominent in Hartford business affairs, and erected the "Seymour block." Children:

I. Martha[8], b. 14 Aug. 1850; d. 17 Aug. 1850.
II. Charles H., b. July 1851; d. 28 Mar. 1866.
III. Eugene E., of New York City.

256. vi. JULIUS L., b. abt. 1829.
vii. LAURA A., d. in 1902; m. JAMES H. WHITE.
viii. CHARLOTTE B., d. 8 Aug. 1832 ae. 6 mos.
ix. NORMAN P., b. 6 Aug. 1834; d. at Hartford, 4 Apr. 1910 ae. 75, unm. He was a member of the 1st Co., Governor's Horse Guard.
x. HARRIET, m. (1) SETH BENJAMIN; m. (2) ——— KENYON.
xi. CHARLOTTE B., b. 9 Dec. 1838; d. 21 Nov. 1917; m. JOSEPH CLOYES.

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* There were also twins who died unnamed.

167. GEORGE[6] SEYMOUR (*Richard*[5], *Richard*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 19 Sept. 1802, died there 26 Nov. 1881; married at Hartford, 25 Dec. 1827, AURELIA GILMAN, born 1806, died at Hartford, 21 July 1876, daughter of Oliver.

He owned a stone quarry and farm.

Children:

i. JOHN[7], b. 7 Jan. 1829; d. 18 Aug. 1830.

257. ii. GEORGE GILMAN, b. 27 Jan. 1831.

iii. HELEN MARIA, b. 18 Aug. 1833; d. 31 May 1852.

iv. JOHN LEWIS, b. 31 Jan. 1836; d. 29 Jan. 1906; m. LUCY MARIA FLINN, who d. 14 Sept. 1906 in 51st yr. Children:

I. Howard A.[8], m. Carrie Edna[8] Seymour, his first cousin.
II. Ralph.
III. Louise.
IV. Helen.

v. EDWARD ALDEN, b. 18 Oct. 1838; d. 26 May 1854.

258. vi. FRANKLIN MASON, b. 16 Sept. 1841.

vii. SARAH ELIZABETH, b. 12 Jan. 1844; m. at Hartford, 25 May 1869, MORILLO AUGUSTINE BOARDMAN, b. at Hyde Park, Vt., 13 Dec. 1838; res. (1919) Milwaukee. Wis.

viii. FREDERICK ALDEN, b. 17 Dec. 1846; d. at Minneapolis, Minn., 30 Mar. 1890; m. 25 June 1874, FRANCES MARION WORCESTER, b. 31 Dec. 1848, dau. of Dr. Ezra and Mary Smith (Anthony). Child:

I. Robert Wilson[8], b. at Milwaukee, 13 Aug. 1876.

168. GEORGE[6] SEYMOUR (*Jared*[5], *Thomas*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 25 Dec. 1754, died there 17 Aug. 1820; married in Jan. 1780, MABEL SPENCER, born 3 Sept. 1755, died at Utica, N. Y., 3 Apr. 1838, daughter of Joseph.

He enlisted at Wethersfield, Nov. 1775, in Capt. Ezekiel Scott's Co., Col. Samuel Wyllys' Regt., Connecticut Line, and was discharged Sept. 1776 on account of sickness. He was a Conductor (or Captain) of teams in the Commissary Department, 1777-78, and Assistant Commissary in 1781, and purchased and distributed provisions to the Army when it marched from Rhode Island to Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Yorktown.

His aunt, Mrs. Hephzibah Skinner, gave him a large part of her property, including the house she lived in on the south corner of Main and Mill Streets. His widow removed to Utica, N. Y., in 1821.

Children, born at Hartford:

i. HEPPY[7], b. 31 Oct. 1780; d. 14 Dec. 1854; m. 14 May 1809, WILLIAM DODD, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

ii. ANN, b. 31 July 1783; d. 18 Aug. 1861; m. 11 May 1815, JOSEPH SPENCER, of East Hartford, Conn.

iii. MARTHA, b. 3 Sept. 1785; d. 23 Feb. 1871; m. May 1821, EPHRAIM HART, of Utica, N. Y.

iv. GEORGE, b. 9 Mar. 1788; d. 8 Nov. 1820; m. Oct. 1812, CECILIA CARRION. Children:

I. George[8].
II. Susan.

v. EMILY, b. 3 Mar. 1791; m. Dec. 1820, WILLIAM E. WHITE, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

vi. JOSEPH JEFFREY, b. 27 Apr. 1793; d. June 1865; res. (1845) Cincinnati, Ohio; m. Sept. 1818, CLARISSA BAGG. Children:

1. George[8].
II. Charles, res. Covington, Ky.
III. Emily.
IV. Jane.

vii. JANE, b. 17 Dec. 1795; d. 21 Feb. 1825; m. 20 June 1823, DR. MICHAEL WOLF.

169. FREDERICK[6] SEYMOUR (*Jared*[5], *Thomas*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born ———, died at New York, June 1819; married PRUDENCE MINER, of New London, born 1769, died at Hartford, 5 Aug. 1799.

He was a sea captain and merchant in the West India trade. In 1797, he advertised W. I. Goods at the Red Store, south end of the Bridge, Hartford.

Child, born at Hartford:

i. ANDREW MINER[7], bapt. 15 Nov. 1801.

170. DAVID[6] SEYMOUR (*Jared*[5], *Thomas*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 1769, killed 15 July 1806 by falling from a bridge he was building over the East Branch of the Oswegatchie River at Hamilton, Ontario, buried near Ogdensburg, N. Y.; married at Springfield, Vt., 1793, NANCY NICHOLS, born

9 Dec. 1773, died 29 Jan. 1861, daughter of Levi and Elizabeth (Sawyer). She married second, Charles Oakes.

He was a carpenter and bridge builder; lived at one time at Fort Covington.

Children, born at Springfield, Vt.:

259. i. GEORGE NICHOLS[7], b. 14 Apr. 1794.
ii. HARRIET, b. 15 May 1797; d. 13 Sept. 1853; m. 24 Sept. 1815, ELIJAH BALL ALLEN, b. at Mendon, Mass., 17 Apr. 1791, d. in 1869, s. of James and Phebe (Thayer). Twelve children.
260. iii. ISAAC, b. 23 Dec. 1798.
261. iv. DAVID LEWIS, b. 28 Aug. 1801.
v. NANCY ANN, b. 24 Nov. 1805; d. in 1889; m. (as his second wife), SYLVESTER GILBERT, b. at Otego, Otsego Co., N. Y., 24 Sept. 1787, d. at Ogdensburg, N. Y., 25 Oct. 1865. He was head of the St. Lawrence Bank; his first wife was Lois Ranney. Twelve children.

171. MAJ. THOMAS YOUNGS[6] SEYMOUR (*Thomas*[5], *Thomas*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 19 June 1757, died there 16 May 1811; married first, 1781, his cousin, MARY ANN[3] LEDYARD, born at Groton, Conn., 16 Feb. 1763, died at Hartford, 9 Mar. 1782, daughter of Col. William[2] (*John*[1]) and Anne (Williams); married second, 30 Oct. 1784, SUSAN BULL, born about 1763, died at Hadley, Mass., 9 Jan. 1846, daughter of Amos and Mindwell (Pease).

Thomas Y. Seymour was graduated from Yale College in 1777. In January of his senior year, he was offered a commission by Col. Elisha Sheldon in the Second Continental Regiment of Dragoons, and accepted it, serving after his graduation in that organization during the summer and fall of 1777 and 1778, being with General Gates in the Northern Department. His military record is:

Lieutenant, January 10, 1777; Captain, October 20, 1777 in Colonel Sheldon's Light Dragoons; detached with his company to serve under Gates in Burgoyne's campaign and actively engaged. Resigned, 23 November, 1778. Member of the Society of the Cincinnati.

He participated actively in the Battle of Saratoga and at the Surrender of Burgoyne, acting as an aid on the staff of General Benedict Arnold. His company was called "the Blacks" from the color of their horses.

Col. Thomas Seymour of Hartford, afterwards the First Mayor, wrote to Governor Trumbull, 22 Sept. 1777.

"Sir

I have the Honor to inclose your Excellency Copy of my Sons Letter, & hope it may give some pleasure & Satisfaction— I am with very great Esteem

Your Excᵗʸˢ

most obᵗ
hble servᵗ
Thoˢ Seymour"

The enclosed letter, a copy of that written from Camp by Thomas Y. Seymour, reads:

"Hondᵈ Sir

I now attempt to give a relation of an Engag[e]ment between the Enemys whole Force & Genˡ. Arnolds Division, it began in the morning of the 19ᵗʰ. instant between some Advanced Parties till noon, soon after which it became General, and an unusual Fire continued the whole day, we obliging the Enemy to quit the Field for three times, though they obstinately contended to keep possession of it,—the Action was Bloody & would undoubtedly have been decided, had not the Night parted us.—in the Course of the day 1000 were killed of the Enemy, & 46 taken Prisoners all british Troops, as they were in Front, & we lost in the above Action 34 kill'd 120 wounded & missing.—Some officers of Distinction were lost on our side, such as two Colonels and some of a less degree, the Militia of our State was engaged, & behaved bravely—Capᵗ Wadsworth of Hartford in particular has done himself eternal Honor, tho' I am afraid [the] good man is mortally wounded—One of Mʳ Tucker's Sons was instantly killed after acting the soldier.—Our Tents are all Struck, and we momently expect to put an end to the Warr in this department, god grant us success in a day so big with Jmportant Events—Genˡ Lincoln is in the Rear of the Enemy, & will disappoint all possible hopes of their Retreat; their Situation, a[s] I observed in a former Letter is desperate, for they fought as if it was so, yet the Spirit of our Troops & Consciousness of the Justice of our Cause made us an Overmatch for them—The Army still Continue in Spirits and are doubly animated from the late Engag[e]ment— I still Continue to be in health notwithstanding I experience great fatigues— I am &c—

Thoˢ Y Seymour

P.S. Various Reports say Genˡ Burgoyne recᵈ. a fatal Shot in the Action abovementioned—we are this day joined by 200 Indians of the Onoiada Tribe & with the Riflemen are now gone to beat up the Enemys quarters—This Letter I hope will be excused as it was written on my knee under Arms—

Camp advanced of Still Water Sepʳ 20ᵗʰ 1777."

Burgoyne's letter to Gen. Gates, 14 Nov. 1777, which got him into such very hot water with the Continental Congress, was transmitted by Captain Seymour.

After the surrender of Burgoyne, he was selected by Gen. Gates to escort the captive general to Boston, and performed this delicate duty so much to Burgoyne's satisfaction that at the end of the trip he presented him with a magnificent saddle and leopard skin saddle cloth and a brace of silver mounted pistols, which Captain Seymour always took pleasure in using when in command of the Governor's Horse Guards of which he was one of the original members and its second commander.

In Trumbull's picture of the "Surrender of Burgoyne," hanging in the rotunda of the Capitol at Washington, Captain Seymour is represented in the foreground mounted on a black charger.

He resigned from the army in November, 1778, and took up the study of law in the City of Philadelphia. It is said that he visited Europe during this year, and devoted his particular attention to the study of military science in France. In 1780 he returned to Hartford and began the practice of law, having been admitted to the bar in that year. He acted as State's Attorney for Hartford County from 1796 to 1807, and represented the Town of Hartford in the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut at six sessions between 1795 and 1806. He was an active member in and one of the Committee of Correspondents in 1791 in an Anti-Slavery Society then existing in Connecticut, organized and carried on for the purpose of accomplishing the abolition of slavery in this country.

In 1787, a proposal was made to establish a volunteer troop of cavalry in Hartford County, to be called the Governor's Horse Guards, to be composed of some of the officers of the late army. Major Seymour was for some years commander of this organization, which included some of the wealthiest and most prominent citizens of Hartford, resigning in 1796.

In 1807 his health failed him, his mind becoming unbalanced, and he retired from business, never to return. He died May 16, 1811, at Hartford, aged fifty-four years.

A miniature of Major Seymour, painted by Trumbull in 1792 is in the Trumbull Collection in the Yale Art School and is illustrated herein.

Susan Bull Seymour, the second wife of Major Seymour, after his death applied for a pension, and in support of her claim filed, as she was required, affidavits to properly prove her right to same, which affidavits are on file in the Pension Office at Washington.

"I, Susan Seymour, formerly Susan Bull, hereby certify that the annexed record taken from my Prayer Book is a true record of my marriage to Thomas Y. Seymour, and the oldest record I possess.

(Signed) Susan Seymour.

Sworn to, etc."

Then follows a page cut out of an old prayer book, being Psalter for the thirtieth day, Psalms CXLVIII, CXLIX and CL, and in a woman's hand writing an entry in ink as follows:

"Thomas Y. Seymour married to Susan Bull, 30 Oct., 1784.

Their Children,

Tho. S. Seymour, born 6 Sept., 1785.
Mary Ann Seymour, born 16 June, 1789.
John Jay Seymour, born 5 Oct., 1791.
Charlotte Ann Seymour, born 19 Oct., 1794.
James Davenport Seymour, born 19 Dec., 1797,
who died 2 June, 1802.
Susan Elizabeth Seymour, born 6 May, 1800.
James Edward Seymour, born 21 Dec., 1802.
Egbert Davenport Seymour, born 9 Oct., 1806."

In addition, she filed the following:

"Being requested on behalf of Mrs. Seymour, widow of Thomas Y. Seymour, Esqr., late of Hartford, deceased, to state what I know respecting the said Seymour having served in the American Army during the Revolutionary War, do say, that all the information I have was derived from said Seymour himself with whom I was in habits of friendly intercourse for many years after the war. Major Seymour told me that he belonged to the Army of 1776, and served in New York in the memorable campaign of that year. That he belonged to the Northern Army in 1777 and was present at the surrender of Burgoyne, and that he then commanded the only troop of horse that belonged to that army. That he escorted the British officers to their station in the neighborhood of Boston, and that he received from Gen. Burgoyne a present of a very beautiful leopard skin to be used as a cover for the saddle in testimony of the General's estimation of the civil and obliging manner in which he performed his duty. The leopard skin I have often seen Major Seymour use while commanding the Horse Guards in this town. And I

further say that according to my recollection, I have heard Major Seymour say he retired from the Army in the year 1778 and entered upon the study of the law."

Hartford, Aug. 13, 1838.

(Signed) Nathl. Terry.

Sworn to, etc.

New Haven, 11 Aug., 1836.

Mr. Jesse Charlton,

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th is received, and in reply I have to say that I left the service in February, 1777, about the time that Col. Sheldon's Regiment of Light Horse (in which Mr. T. Y. Seymour commanded a company of troop), was raised. I therefore had personally no knowledge of his military service. But his reputation for gallantry and faithful conduct was such and so unquestioned that I felt myself perfectly justified in introducing his portrait in the picture of the Surrender of Burgoyne, and I have not the smallest doubt that his widow has a just title to whatever compensation the Government of the United States are accustomed to bestow upon the widows of their meritorious deceased officers of the Revolutionary War. With hearty wishes that Mrs. Seymour's application may be successful, I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) Jno. Trumbull.

The will of Susan Seymour of Bridgeport, Conn., dated 31 Dec. 1838, proved in Hampshire County, Mass., 5 May 1846, gave all her property to her daughter, Mary Ann Woodbridge, wife of Rev. John. At the time of her death, she was of Hadley where she had been spending her declining years at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Woodbridge. A daughter, Charlotte Ann Clark, appealed from the proving of the will; the testator had become insane and was sent to Worcester in 1843.

Children by second wife:

262. i. THOMAS S.[7], b. 6 Sept. 1785.

ii. MARY ANN, b. 16 June 1789; d. at Hadley, Mass., 16 Jan. 1858; m. at Hartford, 4 May 1814, REV. JOHN[7] WOODBRIDGE, D.D., b. at Southampton, Mass., 24 Dec. 1784, d. at Waukegan, Ill., 26 Sept. 1869, s. of Dr. Sylvester[6] (*John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Mindwell (Lyman). Nine children.*

* See the Woodbridge Genealogy (1883). There were eight daughters and one son, who was the eighth John Woodbridge in direct line. We are informed that the latter's son, John[9] Woodbridge, enlisted with the Canadian forces at the beginning of the World War, and was killed at Vimy Ridge.

iii. JOHN JAY, b. 5 Oct. 1791; supposed to have been drowned while escaping from a British vessel in Chesapeake Bay, having been impressed into the British service.

iv. CHARLOTTE ANN, b. 19 Oct. 1794; d. at Colorado Springs, Colo., 13 July 1873; m. at Hartford, 23 May 1816, MAJ. NATHAN CLARK of Cincinnati, Ohio, b. 7 May 1789, d. at Fort Winnebago, Mich., 18 Feb. 1836. He was in the War of 1812, where he distinguished himself, and brevet Major for ten years' meritorious service. Six children.

v. JAMES DAVENPORT, b. 19 Dec. 1797; d. 2 June 1802.

vi. SUSAN ELIZABETH, b. 6 May 1800; d. at Brooklyn, N. Y., 11 Feb. 1879; m. 15 Nov. 1820, STEPHEN HOPKINS FULLER, M.D., b. at Vershire, Vt., 20 Apr. 1791, d. 25 Apr. 1865, s. of Rev. Stephen and Phebe (Thurston). Children: 1. *Lydia Marion*, b. 9 Dec. 1821. 2. *Mary Ann Seymour*, b. 7 Mar. 1824, d. 22 Aug. 1846. 3. *Robert James*, b. 18 Apr. 1827, d. 1 Nov. 1860; m. Nov. 1856, Eleanor Norton Williams. 4. *Helen Maria*, b. 10 Apr. 1830, d. 8 June 1845. 5. *George McKean*, b. 31 Jan. 1833; m. 22 Oct. 1857, Mary Ann Batterson. 6. *Stephen Edward*, b. 8 Dec. 1836; used the Seymour wings on his seal in 1880; res. Brooklyn, N. Y.; m. (1) Julia Seymour Comstock; m. (2) 7 Feb. 1872, Jeannie M. Keyes. 7. *Joseph Egbert*, b. 24 Feb. 1840; m. 24 Dec. 1869, Cora Rebecca Fuller.

vii. JAMES EDWARD, b. 21 Dec. 1802; d. 10 Mar. 1816.

viii. EGBERT DAVENPORT, b. 9 Oct. 1806; d. at Charleston, S. C., in 1837; m. at New York, N. Y., in 1828, SARAH ANN WILLIAMS, of Jamaica, L. I. They had one daughter:

I. Elvira Adelaide[8], b. at New York, 15 May 1829; m. at Paris, Pa., 20 June 1850, James Ferdinand Taunt, of Buffalo, N. Y.; res. Washington, D. C. Two children.

MARY ANN[7] (SEYMOUR) WOODBRIDGE (1789-1858). Of Mary Ann Seymour, Major Thomas' second child, afterwards Mrs. John Woodbridge, I read:

Her elegant form, her noble and benignant countenance, her kind manners and gentle tones, and even her white dimity dress and black mantle, were well and long remembered (p. 86). She had the rare merit of daring to be singular, more mild and more uniformly genial, with more blandness of manner and much more *tact* than her husband, she was equally brave and determined. ("The New England Minister of Sixty Years Ago," by Rev. Sereno D. Clark, Boston, 1877, pp. 80-90.)

The book in question contains accounts of several Seymours,—members of Mrs. Woodbridge's immediate family.

STEPHEN EDWARD[8] FULLER (1836-), of Brooklyn, N. Y., used the two wings conjoined in lure, forming the paternal coat of the family, in his correspondence, at least as early as 1880, prior to the appearance of the alleged Seymour Bible. This was the same heraldic device employed by his ancestor, Thomas Seymour, the First Mayor, in sealing his will in 1807, and also by the latter's father. His wife was a granddaughter of the family beauty, Mary Juliana Seymour, and thus a cousin of Mr. Fuller.

172. WILLIAM[6] SEYMOUR (*Thomas*[5], *Thomas*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 28 Dec. 1759, died at Bloomfield, Conn., 20 Dec. 1843, unmarried.

He was graduated from Yale College in 1779. In 1781 he went to Groton to attend the wedding of his brother, Thomas Y. Seymour, to his cousin, Mary Ann Ledyard, and remained to visit his uncle, Colonel Ledyard. The British attack on Groton, led by the infamous Arnold, occurred at just this time, and young William Seymour led a company of hastily organized volunteers to the support of his uncle in defending Fort Griswold. He received a ball in the knee while repelling the assault, and afterwards seven wounds from the inhuman enemy, which crippled him for life. Miss Talcott received a tradition that he was the only American wounded at Fort Griswold who received attention from the British surgeon, and this was because he was recognized as belonging to a family of superior social position.

He became a merchant in Hartford, and lost his mind some years before his death.*

173. EDWARD[6] SEYMOUR (*Thomas*[5], *Thomas*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 14 Feb. 1762, died there of typhus fever, 31 Oct. 1822; married MARY (HUNN) SPENCER of Windsor, born about 1768, died at Hartford, 4 May 1836.

His will, dated Oct. 1822, proved 11 Nov. 1822, named wife Polly and sister Julia Chenevard of Hartford. Inventory taken 25 Nov. 1822 amounted to $1186.50.

The will of Polly Seymour of Hartford, dated 2 May 1836, named Mrs. Mary Beach of New London, Mary Seymour daughter of

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*See Dexter's *Yale Biographies*, 4th Series, p. 126.

Henry Seymour of Hartford, my brothers Parsons Hunn of Sodus, N. Y., Samuel Hunn of East Windsor, Ephraim and Gideon Hunn of Long Meadow, Mass., and my sister Dorothy Comstock.

No children.

174. MAJ. HENRY[6] SEYMOUR (*Thomas*[5], *Thomas*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 25 Dec. 1764, died there 13 May 1846; married at Hartford, 19 June 1804, JANE[5] ELLERY, born 24 Apr. 1766, died at Hartford, 12 Oct. 1851, daughter of Capt. William[4] (*John*[3], *John*[2], *William*[1]) and Susanna (Keith).

Like his brother, he was Major of the Governor's Horse Guards, holding the office from 1803 until 1807.

In 1780 he went to Philadelphia to enter upon a mercantile career, and the Messrs. Sands who employed him being contractors of supplies for the American Army, he was chosen to carry money to Fishkill and to bring back vouchers for monthly supplies. During this service, he narrowly escaped capture by British dragoons and "cow-boys," as those were called who raided the cattle of the Americans. He was living in New York in 1784, but afterwards returned to Hartford.

For many years he was treasurer of the Second Church. Throughout his long life he was a "first citizen" of Hartford, greatly admired and beloved. A silhouette of him by the noted William Henry Brown (1808-1883) is reproduced in this volume.

Children, born at Hartford.

i. MARY ELLERY[7], b. 25 Sept. 1805; d. at Hartford, 6 Apr. 1887, unm.

263. ii. THOMAS HART, b. 29 Sept. 1807.

264. iii. WILLIAM ELLERY, b. 10 Mar. 1810.

175. COL. LEDYARD[6] SEYMOUR (*Thomas*[5], *Thomas*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 2 Aug. 1773, died there 9 Mar. 1848; married first, AMANDA[6] REDFIELD, born 15 July 1775, died at New York, 24 Jan. 1795, daughter of Dr. John[5] (*Daniel*[4], *Theophilus*[3], *James*[2], *William*[1]) and Amanda (Russell); married second, 13 Sept. 1807, HANNAH (THOMAS) BERKENHEAD, of East Haddam, Conn., who died 8 Mar. 1871.

He was graduated from Yale College in 1792. "Soon after graduation he was married to Amanda, the youngest child of Dr. John and Amanda (Russell) Redfield, of Guilford, Conn.; and immediately went into mercantile business in the city of New York under the

patronage of some of his maternal relatives. His wife died in New York of the smallpox, on 24 Jan. 1795, in her 20th year, leaving one child, who died in infancy. After prosecuting his business for a short time, he found himself unsuccessful and relinquished it, probably in 1796. In 1800 he went to Havana, and resided there for three years. After his return, he made a short stay in Boston, and then settled in his native city, where he resided for the rest of his life." (Dexter's *Yale Biographies.*)

Children by second wife:

i. CHILD[7], d. 27 Dec. 1807 [1809?] ae. 3 mos [*sic*].

ii. AMANDA, b. [say 1811]; m. 29 Jan. 1832, WILLIAM P. SPENCER, of Higganum, Conn.

iii. ISAAC T., b. abt. 1814; d. 7 Sept. 1834; m. ——— MILLER.

iv. SAMUEL, b. 9 Oct. 1817; d. at San Francisco, Calif., 11 Aug. 1859; m. at Brewer, Me., 8 Aug. 1839, FRANCES MARIA CHAPIN BLAKE, b. 28 Apr. 1819, d. at Redlands, Calif., 9 Feb. 1909, dau. of Luther and Polly of Wrentham, Mass. He was master of the steamer *New World*; an early settler in California, and a member of the famous Vigilant Committee of San Francisco. Children:

I. Lucy Maria[8], b. at Portland, Me., 24 June 1843; d. at San Francisco, 14 Feb. 1884; m. at San Francisco, 14 Nov. 1861, John Berningham. Children: 1. *Lucy Mabel*, b. 21 Dec. 1863. 2. *Charlotte Elizabeth.* 3. *John*, b. Feb. 1875. 4. *Samuel.*

II. Mary Ann Blake, b. at Brewer, Me., 10 June 1847.

III. Charles Edward, b. at Bangor, Me., 15 Oct. 1849; d. at Brooklyn, N. Y., 27 Dec. 1853.

IV. Samuel, b. at New York City, 29 Mar. 1851; m. at San Francisco, Alice E. Borden. Child:

(1) Ruth Frances[9], b. 26 Apr. 1875.

V. Frances Amanda, b. at Brooklyn, N. Y., 21 Jan. 1853; m. (1) at San Francisco, 20 June 1872, W. C. Walton, Jr.; m. (2) at Chicago, Ill., 8 Oct. 1902, John Berningham.

v. CHARLOTTE, b. in 1821; d. at Hartford, 31 May 1843 ae. 22.

176. ELIAS[6] SEYMOUR (*Elias*[5], *Bevil*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Newington Parish, Wethersfield, Conn., 23 June 1785, died at Avon, N. Y., 2 June 1863; married EMILY MAXWELL, born about Dec. 1794, died at Avon, N. Y., 13 July 1867 ae. 72 years 7 months.

Two daughters, not traced.

177. (Dea.) JEREMIAH[6] SEYMOUR (*Elias*[5], *Bevil*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Newington Parish, Wethersfield, Conn., 27 July 1787, died at Newington, 1 Apr. 1867; married at West Hartford, 21 Dec. 1812, EMILY[7] DEMING, born at West Hartford, 22 Oct. 1787, died at Newington, 4 Mar. 1867, daughter of Theron[6] (*Gideon*[5], *Gideon*[4], *Jonathan*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Electa (Ensign).

He was a shoemaker. He and his wife were admitted to the church in Newington, 6 May 1821. He was chosen deacon, 29 Nov. 1849.

Children, born at Newington:

i. WOLCOTT[7], b. 17 Aug. 1813; m. AMELIA HASKINS. Child:

I. Henry Clay[8], b. 9 Oct. 1844; res. Danville, Iowa.

ii. CHILD, b. 30 Dec. 1816; d. 1 Jan. 1817.

iii. ELIZABETH, b. 13 Feb. 1818; d. *s.p.*; m. WALTER BROWN.

265. iv. JOHN DEMING, b. 2 Dec. 1821.

v. MARY, b. 24 Jan. 1825; d. at Newington, 3 Apr. 1847; m. at Newington, 9 Sept. 1846, ELI J. SMITH.

178. ASHBEL[6] SEYMOUR (*Ashbel*[5], *Bevil*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Newington Parish, Wethersfield, Conn., 6 Dec. 1777, died at Newington, 7 Apr. 1810; married at Newington, 3 Oct. 1802, MARY LOWREY, born at Newington, 1 Dec. 1778, died there 7 July 1847, daughter of David and Lucy (Cole).

Administration on the estate of Ashbel Seymour, Jr., late of Wethersfield, deceased, was granted to Mary Seymour of Wethersfield, 2 May 1810. Inventory of estate, taken 3 May 1810, amounted to $3138.20½.

Children, born at Newington:

266. i. DAVID LOWREY[7], b. 2 Dec. 1803.

ii. WALTER WELLES, b. 23 Feb. 1806; d. at New York City, 23 Jan. 1889, unm. He was graduated from Yale College, 1832.

179. ERASTUS[6] SEYMOUR (*Ashbel*[5], *Bevil*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Newington, Conn., 2 July 1779, died at Rootstown, Ohio, 9 Nov. 1838; married at Newington, 9 May 1805, CLARISSA[6] WELLES, born at Newington, 8 Feb. 1777, daughter of Deacon James[5] (*William*[4], *Thomas*[3], *Samuel*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Lucy (Welles).

He was a farmer in West Hartford, and removed in 1820 to Rootstown, Ohio.

Children, born at West Hartford (except second, born at Harwinton):

i. Lewis Wells[7], b. 14 July 1806; d. 14 Apr. 1883, unm.
267. ii. Erastus, b. 20 Oct. 1808.
268. iii. Ashbel Wellington, b. 22 July 1811.
269. iv. James Wilberforce, b. 22 Sept. 1813.
v. Lucy Abigail, b. July 1816; m. ——— Pitkin.
vi. Clarissa, b. 13 Oct. 1819; m. 1 June 1844, Charles B.[7] Fay, b. at Hardwick, Mass., 9 Mar. 1818, d. 2 Nov. 1881, s. of Bassett[6] (*Timothy*[5], *Daniel*[4], *James*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Agnes (Paige).

180. Bevil[6] Seymour (*Ashbel*[5], *Bevil*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Newington, Conn., 4 Sept. 1782, died at Otis, Mass., 20 Oct. 1852 (13 Nov. by Probate Files); married first, at West Hartford, Conn., 21 June 1807, Lucy[6] Perkins, born at West Hartford, 2 Nov. 1783, died at Otis, 30 May 1820, daughter of Dr. Caleb[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Jacob*[2], *John*[1]) and Sarah (Trumbull); married second, at West Granville, Mass., 13 Nov. 1821, Statira (Curtiss) Curtiss, born at Granville, Mass., 6 June 1781, died 16 Aug. 1848, daughter of Aaron and Hannah (Griswold); she married first, 25 Aug. 1809, David B. Curtiss of Sandisfield, Mass.

He was a merchant and hotel-keeper; Postmaster and Justice of the Peace.

The will of Bevil Seymour gave most of the estate to son Henry, "who now lives with me and with whom I expect to spend my old age"; to son Caleb Perkins Seymour, who had been educated at Williams College and in theology at Auburn, "my ivory headed walking cane and a selection among my books, except my large family Bible and Psalm & Hymn Book called Church Psalmody"; to my own daughter Lucy Maria, wife of Dr. Arastus Rising, and to my daughter in law Eliza Ann Curtis, wife of Norman Sheldon, Esq., $120 each; to my son Frederick W. Seymour, my gold spectacles, "and in strict exactness I suppose I ought to do more for him. But God has prospered him abundantly in the things of this life & he has enough. And I hope he will not consider that my regard and tenderness for him is not as great as though I had made him a larger donation." To son Leverett A., $200; to son Charles Watson, my Bible and Hymn book; to the children of my first wife Lucy Perkins, all household furniture left at her decease, to be equally divided, except the old clock I bought of Dr. Perkins; to the children of my

second wife Statira Curtis the furniture she brought with her; to my daughter-in-law Ann Eliza wife of Henry Seymour, my sofa and desert silver spoons; to my grandson Bevil Seymour "for taking my name" my brass clock; to my two granddaughters Lucy L. daughter of Henry and Ann Eliza Seymour, and Helen Statira, daughter of Charles W. and Lydia, each a good Breakfast Table for taking the names of their grandmothers. Son Henry to be executor. "And now dear Children bear ye one another's burdens & so fulfil the law of Christ." Codicil dated 10 Aug. 1852; Henry has lost property; above estate put in trust for himself, wife and children.

Children by first wife:

i. CALEB PERKINS[7], b. 9 June 1808; d. 20 Sept. 1875, unm. He was graduated from Williams College, 1831. He studied for the ministry and preached a short time, but not feeling satisfied about his qualifications, he abandoned the profession, and went to Ravenna, Ohio, about 1840, where he was clerk for his brother, Frederick. Afterwards he went to Iowa, and died, near Sedalia, Mo., where he had lived in retirement.

ii. LUCY MARIA, b. 2 Nov. 1809; d. 10 May 1882; m. at Otis, 12 Nov. 1829, DR. ARETAS RISING, of Suffield, Conn., b. 15 Dec. 1801, d. 27 Mar. 1884, s. of Nathaniel, Jr., and Lydia (Spencer). Postmaster at Suffield, and member of State Legislature. Four children.

270. iii. FREDERICK WALES, b. 12 Mar. 1811.

271. iv. HENRY, b. 6 July 1813.

272. v. LEVERETT ASHBEL, b. 12 July 1816.

Child by second wife:

vi. CHARLES WATSON, b. 20 Nov. 1822; res. Marblehead and Boston, Mass.; m. (1) at West Stockbridge, 17 Oct. 1847, LYDIA CROCKER; m. (2) about 1856, MARY GERRY BROWN of Marblehead, Mass. Children by first wife:

I. Helen Statira[8], b. at West Stockbridge, Mass., 6 Aug. 1848; d. at Albany, 8 Jan. 1871; m. 29 Jan. 1868, Frederick W. Power of Albany. One daughter.

II. Kate, d. ae. 8 mos.

181. MARTIN[6] SEYMOUR (*Ashbel*[5], *Bevil*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Newington, Conn., 24 Aug. 1789, died at Payson, Ill., 19 Nov. 1842; married at West Hartford, 27 June 1814, LUCY BUTLER, born at West Hartford, 23 Aug. 1789, died at Payson, 5 Sept. 1845, daughter of Gideon and Abigail (Olmstead).

He served as Sergt. in Capt. Seth Comstock's Co., Conn. Militia, War of 1812, from Sept. to Nov. 1813. He settled in Payson, Ill., with his family, in 1830.

Children, baptized at West Hartford:

i. Lucy Henrietta[7], b. 8 Aug. 1815; d. at Pittsfield, Ill., 5 Dec. 1896; m. 14 Dec. 1837, Robert Rouse[7] Greene, b. at Marietta, Ohio, 10 Mar. 1803, d. at Pittsfield, Ill., 15 Apr. 1886, s. of Richard[6] (*Griffin*[5], *Jabez*[4], *Jabez*[3], *James*[2], *John*[1]) and Bathsheba (Rouse).

ii. Child, d. 7 Feb. 1817 ae. 6 days.

iii. Edward, b. 15 Sept. 1818; d. at Payson, Ill., 15 July 1904, unm.

iv. Lewis Butler, b. 6 June 1820; living 1842.

v. Henry Martin, b. 21 Feb. 1822; d. at Alamo, Calif., 29 May 1858, *s.p.*

vi. Frances, b. 20 Mar. 1824; m. 13 Nov. 1846, George H. Ames.

vii. Evelina Abigail, b. 20 Nov. 1825; res. (1906) unm., Payson, Ill.

viii. George, b. 15 Sept. 1827; d. 28 Nov. 1845.

ix. Julia Annette, b. 12 Jan. 1830; m. 30 Oct. 1849, Joel K. Scarborough.

273. x. Charles Willard, b. 23 Aug. 1834.

182. Capt. Harris[6] Seymour (*Zachariah*[5], *Zachariah*[4], *Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Pittsfield, Mass., 11 Apr. 1787, died at Strawberry Point, Mich., 28 Aug. 1834; married at Pittsfield, 10 Apr. 1815, Lucretia Paine Williams, who died at York Center, N. Y., 21 Jan. 1823, daughter of Hon. John Chandler and Lucretia (Williams) of Pittsfield.

He lived in Canandaigua and York Center, N. Y. He was commissioned Ensign of Light Infantry, Ontario County, N. Y., 1815; Lieutenant, 1817; and Captain, 1818.

Children:

i. John Chandler Williams[7], b. 11 Mar. 1816; res. (1880) Detroit, Mich.; m. Children:

I. Sarah Elizabeth[8], b. 1 Nov. 1846.

II. William Whitney, b. 11 Sept. 1848.

III. Margaret Mary, b. 23 Mar. 1853.

ii. Lucretia Elizabeth, b. at Canandaigua, 24 May 1820; d. at Bath, England, 29 July 1872.

iii. Charles Edward, b. at York Center, 25 Oct. 1822; d. at Hadley, Mass., 3 Mar. 1850.

183. Charles[6] Seymour (*Zachariah*[5], *Zachariah*[4], *Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Lyme, Conn., 8 Jan. 1799, died at New York, N. Y., 20 Nov. 1867; married in 1835, Maria D. Morrison,

an English girl, a ward of Hon. Mark H. Sibley of Canandaigua, N. Y.

He succeeded his father as agent of the School Fund of the State of Connecticut, and held the position until 1857, when the office was closed.

Children, born at Canadaigua, N. Y.:

i. CHARLES[7], b. 7 July 1839.
ii. ELIZABETH, b. 17 June 1842; m. 21 Oct. 1869, HENRY PHELPS HUBBELL.
iii. ALEXANDER DUNCAN, b. 29 Oct. 1851.

184. (DEA.) ALLEN[6] SEYMOUR (*Stephen*[5], *Joseph*[4], *Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 1781, died at Colebrook, Conn., 26 Aug. 1870; married MARY BELDEN, born 1783, died at Colebrook, 4 Mar. 1875 ae. 92.

Children, born at Sandisfield, Mass.:

i. SETH[7], b. 1805; m. (1) at Montville, abt. 1827, EMELINE R. PALMER, b. abt. 1806, d. 7 Nov. 1846 ae. 40; m. (2) MARIA CELESTIA WILCOX. Children by first wife:

I. Ophelia M.[8], b. 7 Feb. 1828; d. 31 Aug. 1856; m. John McNary.
II. Henrietta M., b. 22 Apr. 1829; d. 8 Oct. 1849.
III. John C., b. 30 Mar. 1831; d. at Plainville, Conn., July 1873; m. and left one dau.
IV. Charles, b. 12 Mar. 1834; res. Becket, Mass.; m. Elvira ———, b. in N. Y. State in 1847. Children (incomplete):

(1) Ella[9], b. in N. Y., in 1866.
(2) Ruby, b. in Mass., in 1868.

V. George S., b. 21 June 1836; d. *s.p.*; a leading physician of Louisville, Ky.; m. in 1872, Mrs. Jennie Eaton.
VI. Jane E., b. 2 Aug. 1838; m. (1) 2 Mar. 1854, Lyman B. Sage, of Sandisfield, Mass.; m. (2) 1 May 1862, Jay Hart of Pittsford, N. Y.; res. (1876) Millbrook, Conn.
VII. Edward, b. 1 Sept. 1841; d. at Plainville, Conn., *s.p.*; m. (1) 29 May 1866, Mary A. Fenn, who d. 7 May 1871; m. (2) 24 Nov. 1873, Adelia O. Manchester.
VIII. Marietta A., b. 27 Aug. 1843; d. *s.p.* 10 May 1870; m. Mortimer Persons.
IX. Frederick P., b. 5 Feb. 1845; d. in army, 4 Apr. 1863.

Children by second wife:

X. Arabella, b. 1850; m. Charles Stratton of Sandisfield.
XI. William, b. 1857.

274. ii. ALLEN, b. 1808.

iii. CALVIN, b. 29 Nov. 1809[?]; res. (1881) Lumpkin, Ga.; m. 9 Jan. 1839, MRS. HARRIET RUFFIN of Lumpkin. Children:

I. Calvin DeWitt[8].
II. Lucius S.
III. Geraldus A.
IV. Jerome C.
V. Paulina E.
VI. Mary A.
VII. Virginia E.

iv. MARY, b. 17 Oct. 1810; d. 26 Nov. 1854; res. Winsted, Conn.; m. 20 Mar. 1833, LUCIUS HOLMES, b. at Winchester, Conn., 7 Nov. 1811, d. in 1854.

v. JANE, b. 12 Jan. 1820; d. at Hartford, Conn., 9 Apr. 1918; m. at Colebrook, 13 May 1841, EDWARD LYMAN GAYLORD, b. at Norfolk, Conn., 21 Nov. 1809, d. at Rocky Hill, Conn., 1 Feb. 1901.

vi. NELSON, b. 17 Apr. 1823; d. at Erie, Pa., 9 Sept. 1897; practised medicine 51 years in Erie; m. at Erie, 6 July 1848, CAROLINE HENRY JOHNSON, b. at Bristol, Pa., 15 Apr. 1828, living 1919, dau. of John Henry and Louisa (Henry). Child:

I. Florence[8], b. 14 Apr. 1849; d. 1 Nov. 1864.

185. ALVA[6] SEYMOUR (*Bildad*[5], *Samuel*[4], *Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Colebrook, Conn., 13 Nov. 1795, died at Turin, N. Y., 19 Apr. 1868; married at Norfolk, Conn., 16 Mar. 1825, SOPHRONIA COWLES, born at Norfolk, Conn., 19 Feb. 1803, died at Turin, N. Y., 13 May 1894, aged 91, daughter of Capt. Amasa.

Children:

i. CELESTIA S.[7], b. 17 Dec. 1827; d. at Minneapolis, Minn., 12 Apr. 1911; m. at Turin, N. Y., in 1854, DR. OBADIAH WHEELOCK, b. at Floyd, N. Y., in 1826, d. at Minneapolis, 22 Feb. 1912.

275. ii. JOSEPH LUCIUS, b. 31 Mar. 1831.

iii. ELIZA ANN, b. 22 Aug. 1834; d. 3 Nov. 1904, unm.

186. RUFUS[6] SEYMOUR (*Samuel*[5], *Joseph*[4], *Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Colebrook, Conn., 22 Sept. 1792, died in 1860 aged 68; married APPHIA UNDERWOOD, born in Conn., 28 Apr. 1792, died aged 67.

Children:

276. i. HENRY RUFUS[7], b. 8 July 1816.

ii. EDWIN, d. in Chicago in the early 1890's; he had been a member of the Board of Trade over thirty years.

187. ERASTUS[6] SEYMOUR (*Samuel*[5], *Joseph*[4], *Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Colebrook, Conn., 23 Sept. 1794, died there 9 Sept. 1854; married at Colebrook, 27 Nov. 1818, JERUSHA KING PORTER, born 7 Aug. 1790, died at Colebrook, 7 Mar. 1874.

He was drafted at Colebrook, Aug. 1813, for service in the War of 1812, and was in the Conn. Militia to Sept. 1815.

Children:

i. CHARLES[7], b. 3 Jan. 1821; unm.

ii. EDWARD PORTER, b. 11 Nov. 1822; d. at Colebrook, 8 Apr. 1908; a farmer; m. at Lenox, Mass., 16 May 1844, FRANCES M. CROSBY, b. 25 Feb. 1825, d. at Colebrook, 23 May 1908. Child:

I. Charles Edward[8], b. 23 May 1847; real estate dealer, res. (1919) Winsted, Conn.; m. at Torrington, Conn., 11 Nov. 1870, Harriet Amelia Reed, b. 6 May 1854. Children:

(1) Mary Frances[9], b. 11 July 1876.
(2) Florence Crosby, b. 13 May 1879; m. Guy E. Hood.
(3) Edward Porter, b. 30 July 1881.

iii. MARY E., b. 21 Jan. 1825; d. in 1841.

iv. SAMUEL, b. 14 Dec. 1829; d. at Rockford, Ill., 7 Mar. 1906; in real estate and insurance business; m. (1) LAURA LEWIS; m. (2) at Davis Junction, Ill., 18 Sept. 1902, FLORENCE E. KENNISH, b. at Rockford, 22 Feb. 1876. Child by second wife:

I. Porter Kennish[8], b. 29 June 1903.

v. JOHN, b. 29 Sept. 1831; m. MARGARET L. WRIGHT, dau. of Alvin of Colebrook.

188. SAMUEL[6] SEYMOUR (*Samuel*[5], *Joseph*[4], *Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Colebrook, Conn., 3 June 1801, died at Norfolk, Conn., 11 Dec. 1870; married 24 Apr. 1823, CHARLOTTE PHELPS, born at Norfolk, 13 Jan. 1804, died there 11 May 1865.

Children:

i. MARY LYDIA[7], b. 14 Nov. 1824; m. CASE ALFORD, of Otis, Mass.

ii. RUFUS PHELPS, b. 13 Apr. 1827; m. JANE ALFORD, dau. of Arba of Riverton, Conn.

iii. CHARLOTTE, b. ———; m. HARRY STEPHENS of Norfolk, s. of E. C. and Sarah (Deming).

iv. CORNELIA, b. 18 Apr. 1834; m. RALPH J. CRISSEY, s. of Israel and Eunice (Burr) of Norfolk.

189. TRUMAN ROCKWELL[6] SEYMOUR (*Samuel*[5], *Joseph*[4], *Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Norfolk, Conn., 30 Dec. 1809, died there 16 Oct. 1848; married 25 Mar. 1835, RUBY M. BABBITT, born 9 Mar. 1811, died 5 Dec. 1900, daughter of Zera.

Children:

i. JEANETTE DELIA[7], b. 3 Mar. 1836; m. in 1854, JOHN T. TUTTLE of Naugatuck, Conn., b. at East Haven, Conn., 8 July 1831.
ii. SAMUEL ZERA, b. 21 Feb. 1838; d. 5 Dec. 1872.
iii. ELIZA HUMPHREY, b. 1 June 1841; d. 29 May 1905.
iv. ISABELLA ROCKWELL, b. 23 Apr. 1849; d. in 1892.

190. ARAH B.[6] SEYMOUR (*Truman*[5], *Joseph*[4], *Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Winsted, Conn., 26 Sept. 1805, died at Rome, N. Y., 2 June 1863; married at Rome, 13 Feb. 1833, MARY E. COLLINS, born at South Hadley, Mass., 12 Aug. 1812, died at Dansville, Mich., 1 Sept. 1879, daughter of James and Eliza (Jewett).

He served as a blacksmith in the Ordnance Corps, U. S. A., to Aug. 1849, probably all the time at the Arsenal at Rome, N. Y.

Children:

i. TRUMAN I.[7], b. 13 Apr. 1834; d. 6 Apr. 1836.
ii. THEODORE, b. 17 Feb. 1836; d. 15 May 1858.
iii. TRUMAN, b. 27 Oct. 1837; d. 10 Jan. 1841.
iv. SAMUEL P., b. 31 Aug. 1840; d. 11 Apr. 1842.
v. JAMES COLLINS, b. 2 Oct. 1842; d. in the Civil War, 2 Oct. 1861.
vi. MARY ANNA, b. 7 Jan. 1845; res. Northampton, Mass.
vii. TRUMAN H., b. 12 May 1847; d. in 1889; m. at Holly, N. Y., 29 Sept. 1868, LUCY V. BRACE. Children:
    I. Mary M.[8], b. 6 Apr. 1869.
    II. Cary C., b. 24 Sept. 1870.
    III. Mark P., b. 6 Apr. 1874; d. 26 Feb. 1876.
    IV. Kittie B., b. 19 Aug. 1877.
    V. Henry T., b. 6 Nov. 1879.
viii. SON, b. Dec. 1849; d. in infancy.
ix. WILLIAM H., b. 23 Feb. 1851; d. 10 Dec. 1852.

191. TIMOTHY H.[6] SEYMOUR (*Truman*[5], *Joseph*[4], *Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Winsted, Conn., 5 May 1811; married at Rome, N. Y., 18 Sept. 1832, CHARLOTTE GIBBS, born about 1811.

He was an inventor and manufacturer of plows and farm implements.

Children:

i. TRUMAN A.[7], b. 18 Jan. 1849; of Rome, N. Y.
ii. JAY P., of Chicago, Ill.

192. THERON[7] SEYMOUR (*Elisha*[6], *Elisha*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), baptized at West Hartford, Conn., 3 Nov. 1765, died there 9 Mar. 1828 (1827 by gravestone) ae. 62; married at West Hartford, 27 Nov. 1791, ABIGAIL GOODMAN, who died at West Hartford, 25 July 1834 ae. 61.

Will of Theron Seymour of Hartford dated 4 Mar. 1824, proved 5 Apr. 1828, names wife Abigail, son Theron, Jr., and son Heman. Abigail and Heman to be executors. Inventory approved 13 June 1828.

Will of Abigail Seymour of Hartford, not dated, proved 11 Dec. 1834, bequeaths estate to the heirs of my son Theron Seymour of Liberty, Trumbull County, Ohio; to my granddaughter Abigail Seymour; to the children of my two sons, Theron and Heman Seymour; to Almira C. Seymour, daughter of Heman Seymour, my gold beads; to my adopted daughter Harriet S. C. Hart; to my son Heman Seymour.

Children:

i. THERON[8], res. Liberty, Ohio. Left children.
ii. HEMAN, m. at Newington, Conn., 13 Jan. 1830, ELEANOR C. WELLS of Wethersfield. Children, b. at West Hartford:
    I. James Wells[9], b. 5 Jan. 1831.
    II. Almira Camp, bapt. 11 May 1834.
    III. Edward Payson, bapt. 10 June 1837.
iii. CHILD, d. 21 Sept. 1792.
iv. Adopted daughter, named HARRIET S. C. HART.

193. LUTHER[7] SEYMOUR (*Elisha*[6], *Elisha*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Farmington, born at West Hartford, Conn., 3 Feb. 1770, died at Farmington, Conn., 3 Dec. 1815; married at Middletown, Conn., 27 Sept. 1797, REBECCA CURTISS, born 4 Feb. 1769, died 22 May 1851.

Inventory of the estate of Luther Seymour late of Farmington, deceased, was taken 18 Feb. 1816. Amount, $5046.76. Division of above estate was made 10 Aug. 1818, between the widow Rebecca, son Elisha, son Edward, daughter Juliet Seymour, daughter Thirza Seymour, and son Grove Seymour.

Children:

i. ELISHA[8], b. 29 July 1799; drowned in California, 11 May 1851; m. near Kaskaskia, Ill., 20 Dec. 1829, SARAH M'DONOUGH, who d. near Kaskaskia, 11 Oct. 1844. Children:

I. Jane[9], b. 20 Oct. 1830; d. 22 Mar. 1864; m. near Kaskaskia, 7 Dec. 1851, John Gordon.
II. Edward, b. 1 Nov. 1832; d. in California in 1853.
III. Luther, b. 13 Dec. 1834.
IV. Henry, b. 8 Feb. 1837.
V. Stacy McDonough, b. 2 Feb. 1839.
VI. Grove, b. 15 Oct. 1841; d. 10 Oct. 1844.
VII. Daughter, b. Spring 1844; d. in 1844.

ii. EDWARD, b. 27 Mar. 1801; m. at Litchfield, 26 Nov. 1829, HARRIET JOHNSON, who d. 7 Sept. 1872. Children:

I. George D.[9], b. 28 Apr. 1831; m. at New Hartford, Conn., 25 Dec. 1855, Helen Beckwith.
II. Henry E., b. 18 Dec. 1833; m. at Kaskaskia, 28 Feb. 1865, Louisa Levitt, who d. 4 Mar. 1875.

iii. JULIETTE, b. 4 Sept. 1803; d. 13 Feb. 1865.
iv. THIRZA CURTIS, b. 26 Nov. 1805; unm.
v. GROVE, b. 12 Apr. 1808; d. near Kaskaskia, 13 Oct. 1833.

194. AMBROSE[7] SEYMOUR (*Elisha*[6], *Elisha*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), baptized at West Hartford, Conn., 19 Apr. 1772; married 30 Sept. 1793, SARAH (KING) DANFORTH, born 1757 (*sic*), daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Havens), of Southold, L. I., and widow of Joseph Danforth who was born at Middletown, Conn., 17 Aug. 1758, died at Hartford, 17 Dec. 1788.

Children:

i. EDWARD H.[8], b. 20 Dec. 1794; d. 18 June 1796.
ii. MARY HARTSHORNE, b. 28 Dec. 1798.

195. EDMUND[7] SEYMOUR (*Elisha*[6], *Elisha*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), baptized at West Hartford, Conn., 12 May 1776, died in 1842; married ABIGAIL[7] FOOTE, born at Stockbridge, N. Y., 31 Aug. 1780, died at Fairfield, Ohio, 22 Apr. 1848, daughter of Timothy[6] Foote (*Samuel*[5], *Daniel*[4], *Samuel*[3], *Nathaniel*[2], *Nathaniel*[1]), of Johnstown, N. Y.

Lived at Kingsbury, N. Y., and Owasco, N. Y.

Children:

i. Rhoda[8], b. 22 Mar. 1800; m. (1) at Skaneateles, N. Y., 16 Feb. 1817, Daniel Scott; m. (2) at Seneca Falls, N. Y., 5 June 1836, Silas Keeler, M.D., b. at Ridgefield, Conn., 11 Apr. 1793, d. at Seneca Falls, N. Y., 13 Apr. 1867.

277. ii. Henry, b. 10 Jan. 1803.

iii. Sophronia, b. 16 Mar. 1805; m. Daniel Tucker, of Chepaning, Mich.

iv. Charles, b. 2 May 1808; d. at Cincinnati, Ohio, 4 Oct. 1881; m. 2 Dec. 1833, Maria Laton, b. at Auburn, N. Y., 12 Jan. 1810, d. 14 Nov. 1880. Children:

I. Cordelia[9], b. 5 Dec. 1834; m. 14 Apr. 1852, Emory J. Chase, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
II. Charles Monrow (twin), b. and d. 1847.
III. Caroline Sophia (twin), b. and d. 1847.

v. Ramus, b. 28 Jan. 1813; res. Coldwater, Mich.; m. at Rochester, N. Y., 29 Oct. 1840, Elizabeth Davies, b. at Oswestry, Shropshire, Eng., 19 July 1815, dau. of Thomas and Mary (Brookfield). Children:

I. Myron Brookfield[9], b. 13 Jan. 1847; enlisted 25 Feb. 1865 in Co. A., 192d Regt., Ohio Vol. Inf., and discharged at close of the War, at Winchester, Va., 1 Sept. 1865.
II. Herbert Franklin, b. 17 Sept. 1849; d. 17 Sept. 1853.

vi. Ira, b. 2 June 1815; owner of a foundry and machine shop, La Porte, Mich.; m. (1) 15 Oct. 1840, Phebe Lockhart, b. in Tompkins Co., N. Y., 13 Mar. 1816, d. 24 June 1862, dau. of Ephraim; m. (2) at La Porte, 22 June 1864, Sarah I. Miller, b. at Fredonia, N. Y., 1 May 1833. Children by first wife:

I. Marion[9], b. 3 July 1841.
II. Abigail, b. 3 Aug. 1843; d. ae. 2 weeks.
III. Grant, b. 1 Nov. 1844.
IV. Mortimer, b. 3 Aug. 1847; m. and lived in Texas.
V. Emerson, b. 3 Sept. 1849.
VI. Franklin Vitales, b. 23 Sept. 1855; d. 30 May 1861.
VII. Marah Amelia, b. 22 Sept. 1858; m. 25 Dec. 1878.

vii. Luther, b. 10 Feb. 1818; d. at Kalkaska, Mich., 12 Dec. 1873.

viii. Harvey, b. 16 Dec. 1820; res. Chillicothe, Ohio; m. (1) 14 Oct. 1859, Jane Milligan, b. in Scotland, 3 Feb. 1842, d. 2 Aug. 1872; m. (2) 9 Feb. 1879, Agnes Willard, b. at Kalamazoo, Mich., 6 Jan. 1842, dau. of Edward and Mary Ann (Cook). Children by first wife:

I. Frank[9], b. 26 Dec. 1861; d. 17 June 1862.
II. Emma, b. 2 Mar. 1864.
III. Henry, b. 18 Jan. 1866; d. 15 May 1873.
IV. Charles, b. 21 Sept. 1868.

278. ix. Elisha, b. 27 Sept. 1823.

196. HARDY[7] SEYMOUR (*Enos*[6], *Elisha*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 30 Jan. 1781, died at Mendon, N. Y., 23 Aug. 1867; married first, 28 Nov. 1805, MARGARET DODSON; married second, 6 Mar. 1823, LYDIA MACOMBER, born 27 Oct. 1791, died 24 Nov. 1877, daughter of Joshua and Hannah.

He was a farmer and mason, of Montgomery and Monroe Counties, N. Y.; a member of the Society of Friends.

Children by first wife:

i. JOHN[8], b. 29 Mar. 1806; res. Indiana; m. PHEBE BORCE.
ii. ELEANOR, b. 20 Aug. 1808; d. 7 Sept. 1858; m. 16 Oct. 1853, STEPHEN HATFIELD.
iii. MARY, b. 26 May 1811; m. (1) 15 Aug. 1833, AMOS C. BROWN, s. of Nathaniel and Cynthia; m. (2) JOB S. DENNIS, of Ontario Co., N. Y.
iv. THOMAS, b. 11 May 1813; d. 11 Dec. 1813.
v. ANNA, b. 16 Dec. 1816; m. ESQUARE GREGORY, of Rochester, N. Y.
vi. ENOS, b. 24 May 1817 [*sic*]; d. 14 Apr. 1819.

Children by second wife:

279. vii. MILTON W., b. 4 Jan. 1824.
viii. MARGARET A., b. 7 Oct. 1827; m. 6 June 1876, DR. ELI GARRETSON, of Salem, Ohio, s. of John and Ann.
ix. WARREN F., b. 21 Dec. 1829; d. 2 Aug. 1837.

197. CHESTER[7] SEYMOUR (*Enos*[6], *Elisha*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), of Westfield, Mass., and Chatham, N. Y., baptized at West Hartford, Conn., 15 Aug. 1782, died at Lee, Mass., 8 May 1828 ae. 44; married at West Hartford, 16 Feb. 1806, ANNA SEYMOUR MOODY, baptized an adult 26 July 1801 at West Hartford, died at Lee, Mass., of smallpox, 31 Mar. 1843 ae. 63.

Children:

i. CHESTER[8], b. at Johnstown, 19 Feb. 1807; m. (1) ELSEY ———, who d. 8 Feb. 1836 ae. 24; m. (2) recorded at New Lebanon, N. Y., 3 July 1836, CORNELIA BASSET, b. abt. 1813. Children by second wife, first four b. at Lee, Mass.:*

I. Lucy Jane[9], b. 30 Nov. 1839.
II. Elsa Ann, b. 22 June 1842.
III. John Chester, b. 22 Feb. 1844.
IV. Mary Sylvina, b. 6 Mar. 1846.
V. James E., b. in Michigan, abt. 1848.

* Elsa, John C., and James E. were listed at Lee in the 1870 Census, with their mother Cornelia Seymour.

ii. HARVEY, b. at Johnstown, 9 Mar. 1809; d. at Great Barrington, Mass., 11 Apr. 1847;* m. (1) 25 Mar. 1829, MARY LAURA CHAPMAN, who d. at Great Barrington, 7 Jan. 1838 ae. 29; m. (2) LAURA ———. Children by first wife:

I. Jane[9], b. abt. 1830.
II. George H., d. at Lee, Mass., 27 Aug. 1833 ae. 11 mos. 8 days.
III. George, b. abt. 1833.
IV. Harriet, b. abt. 1835.
V. James H., d. at Great Barrington, 30 Dec. 1837 ae. 11 mos. 28 days.

iii. HIRAM, b. at Batavia, 25 Mar. 1812.

iv. ENOS, b. at Hartford, 13 Mar. 1814; m. OLIVE ———, who d. at Great Barrington, Mass., in 1890. The will of Olive, 13 Jan. 1874, proved 7 May 1890, named her son James Seymour and husband Enos Seymour. Children, b. at Lee, Mass.:

I. Child[9], b. 28 Feb. 1837; d. 4 Mar. 1837.
II. Allen, b. abt. 1838; d. 1 Aug. 1841 ae. 3.
III. Child, d. 30 Jan. 1839.
IV. James Allen, b. 25 June 1842.

v. LYDIA ANN, b. at Lee, Mass., 10 Mar. 1816.

vi. CYNTHIA EMELINE, b. at Lee, Mass., 10 Aug. 1818; m. ——— BYINGTON.

280. vii. JOHN, b. at Lee, Mass., 3 Oct. 1820.

198. GURDON ISAAC[7] SEYMOUR (*Isaac*[6], *Isaac*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 8 July 1775 (or 1773), died at Savannah, Ga., 18 Sept. 1814; married CATHERINE COSTIGAN, born about 1781, died at New Haven, Conn., 12 Apr. 1833 aged 52.

A tombstone in Savannah bears the following inscription:

Entombed Beneath This Stone
are the remains of
GURDON ISAAC SEYMOUR
Native of Hartford, Conn.
Born on the 8 of July 1775†
Died on the 18th. of September 1814
After a Residence in this City of
20 years with undiminished reputation
Age 41 years 2 months and 10 days

* The death dates of Harvey and his first wife are from gravestones.
† 1773? This interesting stone was copied by my friend, the late William Scranton Pardee of New Haven.

Also of

GURDON SEYMOUR
the infant son of
Gurdon & Catherine Seymour
Who died on the 28 of May 1808
Age 13 months and 11 days

Children:

i. GURDON[8], b. 17 Apr. 1807; d. 28 May 1808.

ii. ISAAC GURDON, killed near Richmond, Va., 3 July 1862; m. CAROLINE WHITLOCK, who d. in 1860. He was graduated from Yale College, 1825, and for a time was president of a bank at Macon, Ga., afterwards removing to New Orleans. He was Colonel of a Confederate Regiment in the Civil War. A daughter died in 1858, and a son was a prisoner at Fort Jackson during the Civil War.

iii. CATHERINE FRANCES, b. at Savannah, Ga., 6 Jan. 1813; d. at Buffalo, N. Y., 6 July 1866; m. at New Haven, Conn., 14 Sept. 1836, REV. EDWARD INGERSOLL, D.D., b. at New Haven, Conn., 26 Nov. 1810, d. at Buffalo, N. Y., 6 Feb. 1883, s. of Judge Jonathan and Grace (Isaacs). Nine children. See below.

REV. EDWARD INGERSOLL (1810-1883), husband of CATHERINE FRANCES SEYMOUR (1813-1866), was a native of New Haven, Conn. His father, Hon. Jonathan Ingersoll (1747-1823), B.A. (Yale, 1766), LL.D. (1816), son of Rev. Jonathan Ingersoll (1713-1778), of Ridgefield, Conn., and nephew of Jared Ingersoll, Esq. (1722-1781), the noted New Haven attorney, himself became a lawyer and had a distinguished career, as a member of both Houses of the Connecticut General Assembly, Judge of the Superior Court, and Lieut.-Governor of Connecticut. His mother, Grace Isaacs, was daughter of the wealthy merchant, Ralph Isaacs, Esq. He was brother of Ralph Isaacs Ingersoll (1789-1872), B.A. (Yale, 1808), Member of Congress (1825-33), State's Attorney for Connecticut, and Minister to Russia, and uncle of Charles Roberts Ingersoll (1822-1903), B.A. (Yale, 1846), LL.D. (1874), Governor of Connecticut (1873-77).

Mr. Ingersoll was graduated from Yale in 1831, and received the degree of D.D. from Hobart in 1856; Priest in Protestant Episcopal Church, Rector of Trinity Church, Buffalo, 1844-74; of St. Peter's, Niagara Falls, 1874-78; and Chaplain of the Church Home, Buffalo, which made him rector emeritus, from 1878 until his death.

199. ALFRED[7] SEYMOUR (*Roger*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), married at Lee, Mass., 16 July 1807, POLLY P. COUCH.

Children, born at Lee, Mass.:

i. CLARK P.[8], b. 21 Mar. 1808; d. at Lee, 12 Jan. 1833; m. AURELIA ———. Child:

I. Nancy[9], b. 21 May 1832.

ii. HARRIET P., b. 14 May 1810.

iii. EDGAR ALONZO, b. 13 Apr. 1817; drowned 16 July 1822 ae. 5.

iv. ORSON CARRINGTON, b. 13 Aug. 1819; d. at Stockbridge, Mass., 25 Dec. 1853; m. MARANDA ———. Children:

I. Nancy[9], b. abt. 1843.
II. James, b. abt. 1845.
III. Clark T., b. 6 Jan. 1848; d. 16 May 1849.
IV. Libby, b. abt. 1849.

v. SUSAN CAROLINE, b. 23 Sept. 1820.

200. ASA[7] SEYMOUR (*Asa*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Granville, Mass., 23 Dec. 1782, died at Guilford, Conn., 4 June 1826; married 28 Oct. 1806, ROXALANA[6] NOBLE, born at Blandford, Mass., 20 Aug. 1788, died at Granville, Mass., 1 Apr. 1838, daughter of Elihu[5] (*Silas*[4], *Thomas*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Hannah (Stewart).

Children, two born at Granby, Conn., one at Rootstown, Ohio, one at East Granville, Mass.:

i. AMILA[8], b. 22 May 1807; d. 6 Nov. 1864; m. 11 May 1852, SILAS ROSE. No children.

ii. ELIZA, b. 17 Dec. 1809; was living 1886 at Agawam, Mass.;* m. 16 Nov. 1853, as second wife, ELEAZAR WILLIAMS[6] BLISS, b. at Springfield, Mass., 2 Aug. 1804, s. of Alexander[5] (*Jedediah*[4], *Ebenezer*[3], *Samuel*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Abigail (Williams). No children.

281. iii. ALFRED, b. 6 Sept. 1814.

282. iv. ASA NOBLE, b. 28 Nov. 1824.

201. ALEXANDER[7] SEYMOUR (*Asa*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Granville, Mass., 15 Aug. 1789, died there 6 Mar. 1879; married at Granville, 15 Feb. 1817, ELECTA PARKER, born at

* She wrote to Miss Talcott in 1880: "Perhaps I may not see the book, but I hope you will be able to finish it for others."

Southwick, Mass., 14 Dec. 1796, died 31 May 1857, daughter of Elisha and Mercy (Beaman).

Children:

i. MARIAH[8], b. in 1817; d. in 1817 ae. 3 weeks.

ii. MARY HARRIET, b. 17 June 1819; d. at Granville, 10 July 1898; m. at Granville, 13 May 1847, SIMON NELSON HENRY, of Springfield, bapt. at Enfield, Conn., 5 Sept. 1820, d. at Granville, 7 Jan. 1898, s. of Gager and Orena (Clapp). Five children.

iii. ELECTA ALMIRA, b. 10 Dec. 1821; d. at Monson, Mass., 11 Sept. 1883; m. (1) 13 May 1846, WATSON BARBER of South Hadley; m. (2) 13 May 1852, SAMUEL WELLS BARTLETT, b. at West Stafford, Conn., 15 Apr. 1815, d. there 26 Apr. 1874, s. of Nathan and Betsey (Harrington).

iv. EMMA CALISTA, b. 31 Mar. 1824; d. at Easthampton, Mass., 4 Nov. 1895; m. (1) at Granville, 28 Aug. 1849, LEWIS[7] TENNEY, b. at Stow, Mass., 4 July 1809, d. at Palmer, Mass., 4 Jan. 1862, s. of Moody[6] (*Eliphalet*[5], *Jonathan*[4], *Samuel*[3], *John*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Anna (Bent); lived at Cambridge, Palmer, and Tenneyville, Mass.; m. (2) 14 Nov. 1877, REUBEN SPARROW HENDRICK.

v. ABIGAIL DEMING, b. 6 Aug. 1826; d. *s.p.* 13 May 1858; m. 28 Apr. 1852, WARREN BENEDICT REYNOLDS, b. 6 Dec. 1821, living (1909) at Plainville, Conn.

vi. ELIZA JANE, b. 19 May 1828; living (1909) at Plainville, Conn.; m. at Granville, 20 Nov. 1859, as second wife, WARREN BENEDICT REYNOLDS, b. 6 Dec. 1821.

vii. FRANKLIN, b. 4 Mar. 1831; d. at Moline, Ill., 3 Mar. 1864; m. at Moline, 22 Dec. 1857, MARY ELIZABETH[8] BLISS, b. at Honolulu, Hawaii, 24 May 1837, d. at Moline, 24 June 1870, only child of Rev. Isaac[7] (*Isaac*[6], *Isaac*[5], *Ebenezer*[4], *Samuel*[3], *Nathaniel*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Emily (Curtis). Children, b. at Moline:

I. Arthur Bliss[9], b. 3 Jan. 1859; d. 31 Mar. 1933; m. at Champaign, Ill., 6 May 1886, ANNA JULIA CONKLING, b. at Leroy, Ill., 31 Mar. 1862, dau. of Aaron Belknap and Mary (Maltby). Children:

(1) Mary Elizabeth[10], b. 27 Jan. 1889.
(2) Rosa Margaret, b. 28 Apr. 1890.
(3) Frank Conkling, b. 21 July 1895; B.A. (Harvard, 1916).
(4) Edith Katherine, b. 28 Sept. 1896.

II. Harriet Louise, b. 14 Aug. 1862; d. 10 Aug. 1879.

III. Cornelia Emily, b. 30 Aug. 1864; m. William Willis Moultrip.

viii. EDWIN HENRY, b. 7 June 1834; d. at Granville, 23 Sept. 1905; Representative in the Mass. General Court, 1879; m. 1 May 1856, MARY ELLEN[8] MERRIAM, b. at Hartland, Conn., 13 Feb. 1835,

d. at Granville, 15 Mar. 1900, dau. of Elizur[7] (*Benjamin*[6], *Benjamin*[5], *Joseph*[4], *John*[3], *William*[2], *Joseph*[1]) and Nancy (Sugden). Children:

I. Edmund Merriam[8], b. 12 June 1858; d. 11 Apr. 1879, unm.
II. Harriet Belle, b. 8 Sept. 1859; m. 21 Feb. 1882, George Lewis Oysler.
III. Milo Elizur, b. 13 Aug. 1861; m. 23 Apr. 1884, Harriet Roselle (Davis) Jones, b. at Suffield, Conn., 26 Nov. 1857, dau. of Charles and Marion. He adopted his step dau. Ida Jones, b. 12 Mar. 1878, m. Percy Adams Hutchison.
IV. Frank, b. 3 June 1865; d. 5 Aug. 1865.

Arthur Bliss[9] Seymour (1859-1933), a botanist of note, B.S. (Univ. of Illinois, 1881), M.S. (1886), was botanist to Ill. State Laboratory of Natural History, 1881-83; private assistant in Cryptogamic Herbarium and Gray Herbarium, Harvard Univ., 1883-85; instructor in charge of Botany Dept., University of Wisconsin, 1885-86; Assistant in Cryptogamic Herbarium, Harvard, since 1886; teacher of Cryptogamic Botany, Radcliffe College, 1890-91, and summer classes, 1890-92. Fellow Am. Acad. Arts and Sciences; mem. A. A. A. S. Author: A Provisional Host . . . Index of the Fungi of the United States (with W. G. Farlow), 1888-1891. Editor and publisher (with F. S. Earle) Economic Fungi and Economic Fungi Supplement. Editor Cryptogamic Botany (A-G) in Century Dictionary, and contributor of various articles to scientific and agricultural journals relating to fungi and fungous diseases.

Family and furniture go naturally together, and the author offers no apologies for including among his illustrations a small Seventeenth Century New England oak chest which he secured for his collection through the good offices of Professor Arthur Bliss Seymour with whom he corresponded many years ago. The author is of the impression that this correspondence was opened with Mr. Seymour at the suggestion of Miss Talcott. Mr. Seymour came from Granville, Massachusetts, whither his family moved from Hartford in 1781. The interest of the chest is chiefly its very small size, and the fact that it shows along the front edge of its paneled lid, a line of charred spots resulting from the burning back of rush-lights which flickered out over two hundred and fifty years ago. The author has at hand no further history of the chest than that it once

belonged to the Seymours of Granville. Peradventure, if Mr. Seymour's letters to the author should come to light, some details about the chest might be recovered.

202. (Deacon) Ardon[7] Seymour (*Asa*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), a farmer, born at Granville, Mass., 4 Dec. 1791, died there 6 Sept. 1877; married at Granville, Mass., 30 Nov. 1815, Orpha Collins, born 13 Mar. 1791, died at Granville, Mass., 24 June 1888, daughter of Claudius and ——— (Spelman).

Children:

i. Infant[8], b. 23 Sept. 1816; d. 23 Sept. 1816.

283. ii. Ardon Augustus, b. 1 Apr. 1818.

iii. Sophia Ensign, b. 2 Jan. 1820, d. *s.p.* 23 Mar. 1848; m. 27 Jan. 1847, Chauncey Newberry, of Bloomfield, Conn., who d. about 1864.

iv. John, b. 23 July 1822; d. *s.p.* 1 Oct. 1854; grad. Williams College, 1851; m. 25 Sept. 1852, Julia E. Brown.

v. Orpha Cordelia, b. 9 Jan. 1825; d. 8 Mar. 1837.

vi. Susan Elinor, b. 16 Apr. 1827; d. at Blue Rapids, Kans., 28 Nov. 1905; m. at Granville, Mass., 5 Sept. 1853, as second wife, James Shaw Dawes, b. 12 Aug. 1812, d. 13 Dec. 1896 at Blue Rapids, Kans., s. of John and Dolly (Shaw).

284. vii. Bela Newton, b. 25 Mar. 1829.

viii. Laura, b. 27 Aug. 1832; m. 19 Apr. 1854, Elizur A. Curtiss, b. at West Granville, Mass., 17 Mar. 1824, d. at Windham, Ohio, July 1907.

285. ix. James Howard, b. 26 Apr. 1834.

203. (Deacon) William[7] Seymour (*Asa*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Granville, Mass., 21 Dec. 1794, died 23 Mar. 1851; married at Granville, Mass., 16 Sept. 1816, Maria Collins, born at Shaftsbury, Vt., 20 Oct. 1796, died 25 Dec. 1875, daughter of Claudius and ——— (Spelman).

Children:

i. Tirzah Elvira[8], b. 15 Aug. 1817; d. 25 Sept. 1849 ae. 32; m. at Granville, 24 Feb. 1847, Jesse Alexander, widower, of Columbia, Pa.

286. ii. William Collins, b. 26 Apr. 1819.

iii. Harvey E., d. 28 Dec. 1822, ae. 13 mo.

287. iv. Harvey.

288. v. Milton Elijah.

289. vi. ASA, b. 11 June 1828.

vii. CAROLINE, b. 16 Sept. 1831; d. 27 Apr. 1905; m. (1) 2 Jan. 1865, OLIVER PALMER, brother of Martha Dorinda Palmer, b. 16 Dec. 1825, d. 7 Jan. 1875; m. (2) at Granville, 12 June 1877, WILLIAM H. ROBERTS, b. at Lowell, 2 Oct. 1830, d. 7 Nov. 1897.

viii. ELLEN, b. 1834; d. 26 Mar. 1853.

ix. MARSHAL AMES, b. 11 Jan. 1837; d. at Drexel, Mo., 15 Dec. 1904; m. at Rosier, Mo., 21 Sept. 1880, CLARA LAURILLA MCGUIRE, b. at Penn, Ind., 15 Apr. 1856, d. at Drexel, 7 May 1915. Children:

I. Bernice[9], b. 4 Aug. 1881; d. 28 Apr. 1911; m. at Drexel, 3 Sept. 1903, Mason Folsam Ellis.

II. Carl M., b. 11 Jan. 1883; d. in 1887.

III. Elba, b. 30 Dec. 1884; m. at Drexel, Frederick Gottlieb Baender, b. at Moberly, Mo., 26 May 1882.

x. ORPHA CORDELIA, b. abt. 1839; d. 25 Sept. 1842 ae. 3.

204. ELIJAH[7] SEYMOUR (*Asa*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Granville, Mass., 15 Feb. 1797, died there 13 Dec. 1880; married first, at Granville, 4 June 1828, MELISSA SPELMAN; married second, CAROLINE SPELMAN, born 8 July 1806, sister of Melissa.

Children by first wife, born at Granville:

i. STEPHEN ELIJAH[8], b. 13 Dec. 1830; d. *s.p.* at Springfield, Mass., 26 Nov. 1910; m. at New York, N. Y., 18 Sept. 1884, SUSAN M. PHELAN, b. at Suffield, Conn., 7 Nov. 1847, living (1919) at Springfield, Mass.

ii. CLARA M., b. 26 Nov. 1835; unm.

STEPHEN ELIJAH[8] SEYMOUR (1830-1910) was graduated from Williams College, 1855, and was admitted to the Bar, 1858. He served as a member of the Mass. Legislature, and in 1875 of the Common Council. His wife was a physician.

205. (DEA.) GIDEON DEMING[7] SEYMOUR (*Asa*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Granville, Mass., 18 Apr. 1801, died at Rootstown, Ohio, 9 July 1845; married at Granville, Mass., 23 Dec. 1824, CORINTHIA MARIA GIBBONS, born at Granville, 24 Jan. 1801, died at Ravenna, Ohio, 11 June 1877, daughter of Bildad and Hannah (Kent).

He removed from Granville to Portage County, Ohio, in 1841.

Children, born at East Granville, Mass.:

i. GIDEON[8], b. 23 Feb. 1836; d. at Rootstown, Ohio, 6 June 1910; m. at Newton Falls, Ohio, 15 Sept. 1859, LUCY J. PARKER, b. at Ellsworth, Ohio, 12 July 1835, d. at Rootstown, 6 May 1893. He was a farmer and lawyer; for nine years, Probate Judge of Portage County. Children, b. at Rootstown:

I. Corinthia Maria[9], b. 29 Apr. 1861 or 1865; unm.
II. Mary L., b. 12 Mar. 1867; d. 14 Mar. 1876.
III. Frederick Parker, b. 6 Nov. 1869; m. at Peninsula, Ohio, 12 Oct. 1917, Rosalie Alice Petersen, b. at Peninsula, 9 Aug. 1887. He was a farmer and teacher of vocal music in the schools, and lived in New Milford, Ohio. Children:

(1) Gideon Deming[10].
(2) Eleanor Catherine.

ii. DEMING, b. 21 May 1840; d. at Windham, Ohio, 22 Feb. 1888; m. at Rootstown, Ohio, 10 Sept. 1862, HARRIET MARIA HALLOCK, b. at Palmyra, Ohio, 3 July 1842, d. at East Cleveland, Ohio, 20 Apr. 1910, dau. of William R. and Julia (Wilcox). Children:

I. Arthur Hallock[9], b. 15 Aug. 1868; a minister and teacher, Superintendent of Schools of Kingsbury County, S. D.; m. (1) in Nov. 1896, but his wife d. 19 mos. later; m. (2) at Sioux Falls, S. D., 3 July 1900, Flora Margaret Wilson, b. at Marion, Iowa, 24 Mar. 1867. Children by second wife, b. at Arlington, S. D.:

(1) Gideon Deming[10], b. 17 Aug. 1901.
(2) Margaret Isabel, b. 27 Sept. 1903.
(3) Forrest Wilson, b. 10 July 1905.
(4) Harriet Mabel, b. 27 Nov. 1907.

II. Alice Louisa, b. 3 Apr. 1870; m. 22 Feb. 1900, Clarence R. Bissell; res. Cleveland, Ohio.
III. George Deming, b. 21 Apr. 1875; m. at Windham, Ohio, 1 May 1896, Maude Sheldon Reed, b. at Shalersville, Ohio, 30 Jan. 1866, dau. of Herbert T. and Ella Gertrude (Bissell).

206. HORACE KELLOGG[7] SEYMOUR (*Nathaniel*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 21 Oct. 1791, died there 6 Apr. 1866; married at West Hartford, 27 Feb. 1816, CLARISSA SEYMOUR, born 8 Nov. 1791, died 9 July 1876, daughter of Aaron and Anne (Phelps).

Children, two born at New Hartford, N. Y., two at New Haven, Conn., two at West Hartford, Conn.:

i. SARAH ANN[8], b. 27 June 1817; m. 28 Sept. 1836, COL. CHARLES E. BRINTNALL, of Lansingburgh, N. Y.; had three children.

ii. HENRY A., b. 23 Nov. 1819; d. 28 Jan. 1820.

iii. MARY KELLOGG, b. 3 May 1822; d. 18 Feb. 1848; m. 22 Sept. 1843 (as his second wife), LEONARD BUCKLAND; had two children.

iv. JULIA MARIA, b. 8 Nov. 1826; d. 14 Aug. 1869; m. 4 Feb. 1852, FRANKLIN SISSON, of West Hartford; had one child.

v. JOHN HENRY, b. 14 Mar. 1831; res. (1874) Woodburn, Ill.; m. 27 Apr. 1854, JERUSHA L. PARMELEE, dau. of Simeon and Roxanna (Powell) of Pittsford, Vt. Children, three b. at Augusta, Minn., one at Richview, Ill., and one at Woodburn, Ill.:

I. Lizzie Parmelee[9], b. 4 Aug. 1857.
II. Mary Clarissa, b. 1 Oct. 1858.
III. Albert Henry, b. 29 July 1860.
IV. Abbie Helen, b. 28 Feb. 1869.
V. Theodore Herbert, b. 23 Aug. 1873.

vi. GEORGE WASHINGTON, b. 8 July 1833; d. at Monson, Mass., 6 Sept. 1919; m. at Glastonbury, Conn., 9 Jan. 1856, FLORA ANN PALMER, who d. 12 Feb. 1908, dau. of Israel Janes and Flora (Welles) of Glastonbury. Children, two b. at West Hartford, one at Wolcottville:

I. Arthur Welles[9], b. 31 Aug. 1860; d. 8 Jan. 1894; m. Martha Dart, b. 8 June 1867, living 1937. Children:

(1) Arthur Palmer[10], b. 25 May 1887; m. Mary Louise Keeney, b. 14 May 1888. Children:
A. Louise Keeney[11], b. 1 Mar. 1917; d. 7 Aug. 1917.
B. George Wyllys, b. 29 June 1918; d. 7 May 1923.
C. Herbert Keeney, b. 8 Aug. 1920.

(2) Edith May, b. 21 Jan. 1890; m. Wells H. Wetherell, b. 30 Jan. 1890. Children:
A. Wells Seymour[11], b. 4 Mar. 1917.
B. Geraldine, b. 9 Oct. 1926.

II. Annie Phelps, b. 18 May 1864; living unm., 1919, Monson.

III. George Horace, b. 4 June 1875; res. (1937) Monson; m. Vivian Reynolds, b. 4 Apr. 1880, d. 21 Apr. 1921. No children.

GEORGE WASHINGTON[8] SEYMOUR (1833-1919) taught school, then conducted a dry-goods business in Hartford, firm of Deming & Seymour. He enlisted 29 Aug. 1862 in Co. D, 22d Regt., Conn. Vols., serving as Sergeant, until his discharge for disability. He settled in Monson in 1882. He was Town Constable for fifteen years. He was a member of Wyllys Lodge (Masonic, of West Hartford), and of Marcus Keep Post, G. A. R., of which he was Commander for two years. He was a Universalist in religion. He and his wife celebrated their Golden Wedding in 1906.

207. EDWIN[7] SEYMOUR (*Nathaniel*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 23 June 1793, died at Ravenna, Ohio, 23 Mar. 1854; married at West Hartford, 13 Nov.

1816, FANNY MERRILLS, baptized at West Hartford, 25 July 1795, died in Indiana, in 1870, daughter of William.

He removed to Ravenna, Ohio, about 1853.

Children, born at West Hartford:

i. HENRY THORNTON[8], bapt. June 1818; d. unm. at Ravenna, Ohio, 5 Dec. 1854, being killed in a collision on the railroad.

ii. FREDERICK ALEXANDER, b. 12 Mar. 1819; d. at West Hartford, Conn., 4 Sept. 1903 ae. 84; m. ELVIRA CURTISS. Child:

I. Nathaniel W.[9]; a builder, of West Hartford; m. Rachel Fullin; had two children, who d. young.

iii. HELEN FIDELIA, bapt. 12 Aug. 1821.

iv. WILLIAM SHELDEN, b. 9 Apr. 1823; bapt. 23 Aug. 1823; d. at Waubeck, Iowa, 1 Sept. 1879; m. at Ravenna, Ohio, 23 May 1855, AURELIA SOPHIA CARTER. Children:

I. William Henry[9], b. 9 Oct. 1856.

II. Mary Adelaide, b. 21 Sept. 1861.

v. LOUISA MARIA, bapt. 25 Sept. 1825; d. 13 Feb. 1827 ae. 2 yrs., 4 mos. (gravestone).

vi. FRANCIS L.

vii. DAUGHTER, d. 18 Apr. 1832 ae. 3 yrs.

viii. ———.

ix. ———.

x. LUCY MERRILLS, bapt. 5 Aug. 1838.

MAJOR FREDERICK A.[8] SEYMOUR (1819-1903) spent his younger manhood in Ohio, where his family had settled. At the outbreak of the Civil War, Mr. Seymour enlisted in the Seventh Ohio Vols., and was at once made Captain of his company, later receiving his commission as Major for gallant conduct on the field of battle. At the battle of Antietam, the command of his regiment devolved for a time on Major Seymour, all his superior officers being either killed or wounded. From the close of the war until 1869, Major Seymour lived in Ohio, returning then to West Hartford. There he served several years as selectman, was Representative from West Hartford in the General Assembly of 1871, and was for a time a deputy sheriff. He was a member of Wyllys Lodge, A. F. and A. M., and of Robert O. Tyler Post, G. A. R.

208. MASON[7] SEYMOUR (*Nathaniel*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 5 Dec. 1794, died there 31 Dec. 1864; married at West Hartford, 11 May 1819, LUCIA HURLBUT, who died at West Hartford, 12 Aug. 1875 ae. 78.

Children:

290. i. EDGAR HURLBUT[8], b. 18 Mar. 1822, bapt. 2 Aug. 1829.
ii. LUCIA ANN, bapt. 2 Aug. 1829; m. JULIUS STEELE.

209. JEREMIAH[7] SEYMOUR (*John*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), baptized 20 Sept. 1805 (the eldest of five) at West Hartford, Conn., died at Leyden, N. Y., 17 Jan. 1875; married at West Hartford, 2 Nov. 1814, SARAH KELLOGG CADWELL, born at West Hartford, 19 Nov. 1793, died at Leyden, N. Y., 23 Aug. 1865, daughter of Joseph, Jr., and Chloe (Kellogg).

Children:

291. i. WILLIAM[8], b. 13 Apr. 1815.
ii. ORSAMUS, b. 4 Feb. 1818; d. at Leyden, Lewis Co., N. Y., 30 Mar. 1887; m. at Leyden, 10 Jan. 1841, LAURA ANN TALCOTT, b. 25 Jan. 1825, d. at Boonville, N. Y., 16 Dec. 1900, dau. of Daniel and Artemisia (Higby). Children:

I. Helen Sharilla[9], b. at Leyden, 13 July 1841; d. at Boonville, 1 Jan. 1914.
II. Abbie Hannah, b. 6 June 1843; d. at Boonville, 14 Aug. 1918; m. at Boonville, 26 May 1863, Charles Phelps, a carpenter, b. at Leyden, 11 Mar. 1837.
III. Frances Laura, b. in 1852; d. in 1862.

iii. HENRY HORACE, b. in 1824; d. at Leyden, N. Y., 12 Feb. 1889; m. (1) ELIZABETH ———; m. (2) (as her second husband), SARAH (ALGER) BRAINERD, b. at Boonville, N. Y., 11 Mar. 1833, d. at Leyden, 21 Sept. 1875. dau. of Allen and Lydia M. (Ballou) Alger, and widow of Gilbert Brainerd. Children by second wife:

I. Elizabeth[9], b. 9 Aug. 1864; m. 25 Dec. 1888, James Fleury, of Three Mile Bay, N. Y.
II. Henry H., b. 3 July 1868.
III. Bertha, b. 1 Mar. 1871; m. 1 July 1895, George Hollister, of Schenectady, N. Y.

iv. HARRIET, b. 1825; m. May 1847, Selden Goff.
v. CHARLES J., b. ———; m. FRANCES M. WOODARD. Children:

I. Herbert[9].
II. Edward.
III. William.
IV. Wallace.
V. Walter, b. at Leyden, N. Y., 15 July 1873; m. Maude S. Reed of Clayton; had three children.

vi. JULIA, b. 1829; d. 1871, unm.

210. Lieut. William[7] Seymour (*William*[6], *William*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 28 June 1783, died at Kenosha, Wis., 24 Oct. 1869; married first, at Ballston, N. Y., 8 Dec. 1802, Asenath Hewitt, born 14 Jan. 1786, died at Kenosha, 15 Feb. 1853, daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Andrews); married second, at Port Jarvis, 5 Jan. 1856, Almeda Edsall.

He enlisted at Waterford, Saratoga Co., N. Y., in Sept. 1814, and served as 2d Lieut., New York Militia, until Nov. 1814. In 1850 he gave his residence as Kenosha, Wis., and age as 67.

Children:

i. James[8], b. 13 Oct. 1803; d. at (Montrose, Pa.?), 17 Oct. 1851; m. in Pa., 8 June 1832, Ann Eliza Howell.

ii. Chauncey, b. 22 Mar. 1805; m. at Stillwater, N. Y., 15 Jan. 1831, Eliza Hunter, b. Sept. 1809. Children:

I. John Hunter[9], b. 11 Jan. 1834; d. at Stillwater, 29 June 1839.

II. Samuel William, b. 21 Aug. 1835.

III. Joseph Warren, b. 9 May 1838.

IV. Son, b. 29 July 1840; d. 4 Aug. 1840.

V. Russell, b. 20 Sept. 1842.

iii. Celim, b. 14 Dec. 1806; m. 19 Mar. 1849, Catherine E. Decker.

iv. Elizabeth, b. 2 Apr. 1810; d. 2 July 1831.

v. Hannah A., b. 25 Sept. 1812; d. 29 Dec. 1856; m. 6 Sept. 1846, Cyrus Briggs.

vi. William, b. 24 Aug. 1816; d. 27 June 1844.

211. (Deacon) Jesse[7] Seymour (*William*[6], *William*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 6 Feb. 1787, died 20 Feb. 1873; married 5 Jan. 1812, Polly Morris, born 21 Nov. 1791, died 10 Nov. 1832.

Children, born at Stillwater, N. Y.:

i. Rhoda[8], b. 8 Nov. 1814; d. Oct. 1815.

ii. Silas Morris, b. 20 Jan. 1816; m. Eugenia Bingham.

iii. Rhoda M., b. 6 Feb. 1818; m. 21 Jan. 1849, Alfred W. Gray.

iv. Mark Tucker, b. 23 Mar. 1820; m. 7 Oct. 1845, Mary Jane[8] Seymour, b. 8 June 1825, dau. of Dr. Jesse and Mary (Watson). Children:

I. Frances Mary[9], b. 6 Nov. 1846; d. at Cincinnati, Ohio, 10 Dec. 1853.

II. Lelia, b. 29 Oct. 1849; d. at Dunkirk, 21 Aug. 1851.

III. Ella, b. 6 Nov. 1852.

v. Mary Tucker, b. 24 Mar. 1822.
vi. William Patrick, b. 3 May 1824; m. Sarah Ann Hewitt. Child:
I. Sarah Elizabeth[9], b. at Dunkirk, N. Y., was a member of the D. A. R.
vii. Ebenezer, b. 23 May 1827.

212. Erastus[7] Seymour (*William*[6], *William*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 5 June 1791, died 16 Feb. 1857; married 12 Apr. 1817, Susan Andrews, born 30 May 1796.

They lived at Bloomfield, N. Y.

Children:

i. Michael Andrews[8], b. 23 July 1818; m. 18 June 1859, Mary Mason Vinal, b. Mar. 1819. Child:
I. William Andrews[9], b. Nov. 1862.
ii. Matilda, b. 6 May 1821; d. 31 Mar. 1843; m. 14 June 1842, Erastus Fellows.
iii. Sarah Irene, b. 15 Feb. 1828; m. 24 Dec. 1853, Jeremiah Slingerton.
iv. Erastus, b. 18 Nov. 1830; m. 16 May 1860, Ophelia Maria Livingston. Children:
I. Kate Sophia[9], b. Apr. 1862.
II. John Lewis, b. May 1864.
v. William Henry, b. 28 Sept. 1832; m. 16 May 1867, Maria B. Royce. Child:
I. Charles Royce[9], b. 3 Oct. 1868.
vi. Charles Rollin, b. 18 June 1836.

213. John[7] Seymour (*William*[6], *William*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 15 Nov. 1792, died at Stillwater, N. Y., 16 June 1824; married first, Sarah Montgomery, born 12 Jan. 1793, died 16 June 1824; married second, Harriet Montgomery, born 29 Sept. 1797, died at Fredonia, N. Y., Aug. 1864.

Children by first wife:

i. Harriet[8], b. 13 Sept. 1815; m. Abraham B. Elston.
ii. Silas, b. 20 June 1817; General, res. (1879) Tremont House, Boston, Mass.; m. 23 Dec. 1840, Delia S. French, b. 23 Jan. 1821. Children:
I. Florence[9], b. 5 Nov. 1841; m. 2 Dec. 1862, Theodore W. Bayard.
II. George F., b. 11 Oct. 1844.

III. Hanson Risley, b. 24 Jan. 1847; d. 18 Dec. 1847.
IV. James M., b. 18 Mar. 1850.
V. Jeanie, b. 10 June 1857.
VI. Silas, b. 13 Aug. 1860.

iii. ELIZABETH, b. 6 Dec. 1820; d. 29 Nov. 1833.
iv. SARAH, b. 9 Sept. 1823; m. RICHARD R. DECKER.

Children by second wife:

v. ROBERT M., b. 4 Oct. 1829; m. SARAH FOX.
vi. LAURA, b. 9 Aug. 1833.

214. (REV.) EBENEZER[7] SEYMOUR (*William*[6], *William*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 15 Sept. 1801, died at Bloomfield, N. J., 21 June 1879; married 9 Aug. 1831, MARY HOE, born at North Salem, N. Y., 27 Oct. 1805, died 28 May 1880, daughter of Robert and Rachel (Smith).

Mr. Seymour was graduated from Union College, 1824, and Auburn Theological Seminary, 1827. He held pastorates at Troy, N. Y., and Bloomfield, N. J., where he was installed pastor 14 May 1834, and served for fourteen years. He established the Bloomfield Institute for Classical and English education, and was widely known for his interest in mineralogy.

Children:

292. i. HENRY[8], b. 22 Mar. 1833.
293. ii. EDWARD, b. 1 Apr. 1835.
iii. MARY HOE, b. 29 Oct. 1837.
iv. ELIZABETH, b. 27 Aug. 1839; m. 15 Aug. 1867, REV. LEWIS WARD MUDGE, of Yonkers, N. Y., and Princeton, N. J., b. at New York City, 27 Jan. 1839.
v. ROBERT HOE, b. 17 Aug. 1843; m. at New York City, 23 Oct. 1866, HELEN WALKER HAZLETT, b. at Utica, N. Y., 23 Oct. 1846. Children, first b. at Brooklyn, N. Y., next three at Elizabeth, N. J., two at Lyons Farms, N. J., youngest at Holyoke, Mass.:

I. Arthur Hoe[9], b. 23 July 1867; d. 23 July 1868.
II. William Henry, b. 6 Feb. 1869.
III. Robert Hoe, b. 7 Sept. 1871.
IV. Albert Hay, b. 14 Mar. 1873.
V. Clarence Mills, b. 26 Nov. 1874.
VI. Malcolm, b. 19 Feb. 1878.
VII. Frederick Ward, b. 10 June 1880.

294. vi. GEORGE MASTERS, b. 24 July 1845.

215. Lot Norton[7] Seymour (*Noah*[6], *William*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at New Hartford, Conn., 3 Mar. 1788, died there 27 Oct. 1844; married at New Hartford, 26 Feb. 1812, Belinda Spencer, born at Bristol, 4 June 1792, died at Springfield, Mass., 19 Nov. 1873, daughter of Henry and Eunice (Alling).

In personal appearance Lot Norton Seymour was tall, spare, with very black hair and eyes, and had a dark complexion. He was a farmer and millwright, but seems to have devoted more time to his books than to either his farm or mill, and more time to religion than to his books. He was a man of a sensitive, emotional and religious nature, and left behind him the record of a singularly pure and blameless life. He had a remarkable memory, and committed the entire poem of "Paradise Lost" to memory; his memorization of the poem was so perfect that he could recite all or any part of it. Even Lord Macauley, distinguished as he was for feats of memorization, was proud of having memorized "Paradise Lost." Whether our New England student of Milton would have been better occupied tilling his stony farm than with his volume of Milton, is an open question which no one need decide.

Belinda (Spencer) Seymour, his wife, was also tall, of dark complexion, and had piercing black eyes. Her father, Henry Spencer, had marched as a boy with a company of Wallingford men to repel the British troops at New London. She was a woman of keen mind, great energy, had a trenchant and sarcastic way of speaking, and in her later years was a constant reader and greatly interested in public affairs. It was natural to a man of his temperament and idealism to break away from the political faith of his family just as he broke away from its religious faith, at least to the extent of abjuring Calvinism. He became imbued with the principles of Jefferson, and transferred his allegiance to the Democrats, and in that small community and in a strong Federalist family, may be said to have "suffered accordingly." The author has his copy of Jefferson's works in four volumes. Ultimately he became affiliated with the Whig party.

His granddaughter Mrs. Vadakin recalled him as "a very kind-hearted man, always good to the children, taking us to long rambles over the fields with him,—that is, myself and Aunt Harriet, we taking turns in being carried on his back when we were too tired.

He was tall and spare and very erect. I was never allowed to visit him on the Sabbath until almost dark, and then I would go out and look in at his bedroom window, and he would smile and I would run around the house and go in and be greeted very lovingly." At one time, earlier in life, he built carding machines, traveling about the state to erect them; and mechanics were more congenial to him than farming. "He had no music in him; he said the babies would rather go to sleep than hear him try to sing." He prayed very loud, doubtless because of his deafness. "When Uncle Alborn was buried, he rose in the church and exhorted sinners to believe,"—much to the embarrassment of his wife and family, but there was no doubt of his sincerity and zeal. "He delighted to entertain the circuit ministers. I think his last years were mostly concerned with the life to come."

Mrs. Maria (Watson) Pinney, granddaughter of "Squire" Chauncey Seymour of New Hartford, lived there as a little girl, and remembered Lot Norton Seymour very well. She recalled him as dark and thin and very deaf. He was very pious and led the neighborhood meetings in prayer. On account of his deafness, he did not always know when to stop, and sometimes kept on after the next man had begun. His wife, Mrs. Pinney thought, was not at all pious, and unappreciative of his genius for godliness, but a woman of unusual executive capacity.

Children:

295. i. RALPH COWLES[8], b. 26 Dec. 1812.
ii. HARRIET ADELINE, b. 20 Dec. 1814; d. 22 Apr. 1817 ae. 2.
296. iii. HENRY ALBERT, b. 22 Jan. 1818.
iv. ALBORN A., b. 6 Oct. 1820; d. 23 Nov. 1842 ae. 22, drowned in the Farmington River; buried at Nepaug in the old yard by the Nepash.
v. HARRIET JANE, b. 11 July 1831; d. 27 May 1871; m. 11 June 1854[?], ELISHA E.[7] HAWLEY, b. 11 June 1830, d. at Fair Haven, Conn., 7 Dec. 1878, s. of Eleazer[6] (*Elisha*[5], *Samuel*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Samuel*[2], *Joseph*[1]) and Lavinia (Fox). On 21 Sept. 1872 he m. (2) Frances D. Harrington, b. 10 Feb. 1835, dau. of Stewart and Rosanna (Robinson). A resident of Winsted, Conn.

The author cannot forbear to insert here a tribute to his Aunt Harriet, a tall, angular, plain, old-fashioned woman, pleasant spoken and with singularly ingratiating manners. My father, her brother, was very fond of her, and was much opposed to her marriage to Mr. Hawley, who, he felt, was not good enough for his sister.

216. LAUREN[7] SEYMOUR (*Noah*[6], *William*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at New Hartford, Conn., 15 June 1790, died at Palermo, N. Y., 6 May 1864; married 13 Feb. 1817, SARAH OLMSTEAD, born at New Hartford, N. Y., 1 Apr. 1789, died there 18 July 1866, daughter of Gamaliel and Esther (Goodwin). She was the first female white child born at New Hartford, N. Y.

Lauren removed from the Connecticut home to Wolcott, N. Y., in 1812, but after his marriage settled in Palermo, Oswego Co., N. Y.

Children:

i. MATILDA GOODWIN[8], b. 20 May 1818; m. 9 Mar. 1847, DEXTER BATES, of West Andover, Ohio.
ii. LAUREN LANSON, b. 9 Feb. 1820; d. 5 Jan. 1852.
iii. SARAH ESTHER, b. 18 Mar. 1822; d. 14 Oct. 1828.
iv. PHEBE ANN, b. 15 Nov. 1824; m. 4 Feb. 1849, JOSEPH ALBEE, of Fulton, N. Y.
v. JONATHAN GOODWIN, b. 21 Jan. 1827; res. Palermo, N. Y.; m. 17 Nov. 1850, MARY JANE THOMAS. Children:
    I. George B.[9]
    II. Ella B., b. 21 Feb. 1859.
    III. Edward G., b. 25 Dec. 1860.
    IV. Jay H., b. June 1865.
vi. ESTHER, b. 23 Apr. 1830; m. 4 Mar. 1862, JOHN ALBEE, of Fulton, N. Y.
vii. SARAH JANE, b. 19 Sept. 1832; m. 9 Feb. 1859, ASHLEY K. BALL, of Palermo, N. Y.

217. HORACE[7] SEYMOUR (*Noah*[6], *William*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at New Hartford, Conn., 26 Jan. 1801, living in 1881 at Fond du Lac, Wis.; married at Bridgewater, N. Y., 20 Feb. 1825, CLARISSA JOHNSON, born at Otter Creek, Vt., 20 July 1807, died at Lamartine, Wis., 15 Jan. 1877, daughter of Roswell and Naomi (Bartlett).

He removed to Wisconsin in 1845.

Children:*

i. EDWIN[8], b. at Huron, N. Y., 7 Apr. 1826; m. (1) at Byron, Wis., 28 Nov. 1848, HARRIET ANN BISSELL, b. 26 Feb. 1828; m. (2) at Cedarville, Kans., in 1872, ———; res. Wahpeton, Dakota.

* The dates are as stated by Horace Seymour himself in his old age, but vary considerably from a record of his children among the papers of his first cousin, Rev. Ebenezer Seymour. The year dates of birth given in the latter record are: Edwin 1827, Sarah M. 1830, Huldah N. 1833, Roswell F. 1835, John Jay 1839, Horace H. 1841, Clarissa M. 1843, Julia V. 1847, and Edith A. 1850.

Child by first wife:

I. George DeWitt[9], b. 23 Sept. 1849.

ii. SARAH MINERVA, b. at Huron, N. Y., 14 Aug. 1829; m. at Byron, Wis., 29 Nov. 1847, HENRY DECKER, b. 2 Sept. 1824; res. Glen Haven, Mich. Eight children.

iii. HULDAH NAOMI, b. at Hamtranck, Wayne Co., Mich., 28 Mar. 1831; d. at Fond du Lac, Wis., 22 Dec. 1865; m. 1 Jan. 1856, CHARLES BARRETT. One child, d. young.

iv. ROSWELL FRANK, b. at Huron, N. Y., 8 Mar. 1835; d. at Lacrosse, Wis., 19 Apr. 1880; m. 27 Dec. 1854, ORPHA TOMPKINS, b. 4 July 1835. Children:

I. Ralph Frank[9], b. 12 May 1855.
II. Mark, b. 10 Oct. 1858.
III. Lunah May, b. 2 Aug. 1862.
IV. Esther Orpha, b. 7 Nov. 1865; d. 17 Aug. 1866.

v. JOHN JAY, b. at Huron, N. Y., 8 Jan. 1836; res. Minneapolis, Minn.

vi. HORACE HOMER, b. at Huron, N. Y., 28 Mar. 1838; m. 11 Dec. 1867, ELIZABETH GALLAND; res. Wahpeton, Dakota.

vii. CLARISSA MELISSA, b. at Huron, N. Y., 29 Sept. 1844; m. at Fond du Lac, Wis., 1 Dec. 1861, JOSEPH GALLAND, b. 6 Mar. 1842; res. Lamartine, Fond du Lac Co., Wis. Two children.

viii. JULIA VADELYA, b. at Byron, Wis., 4 Sept. 1848; m. at Kasson, Mich., in 1869, CYRUS MARVIN; res. Kasson, Mich.

ix. EDITH AMELIA, b. at Fond du Lac, Wis., 20 Apr. 1851; d. at Cherry Vale, Kans., 20 Aug. 1872; m. at Cherry Vale, in 1872, ISAAC REEVES.

218. ISAAC NEWTON[7] SEYMOUR (*Jesse*[6], *William*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Stillwater, Saratoga County, N. Y., in 1795; married ELVIRA BELKNAP.

He removed to Newburgh and New York, N. Y. He served in the War of 1812, enlisting Sept. 1814 in the New York Militia. Before he was 25 years of age, was appointed Deputy Sheriff of Orange County, N. Y. In 1825, on organization of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co., he entered its New York office, and a few years later was elected treasurer, serving the company until 1869, a period of 44 years.

Children:

i. CHAUNCEY JESSE[8], d. at Newburgh, 27 Mar. 1819 ae. 1 mo., 1 day.

ii. MARY, m. 20 June 1843, JOHN FRANKLIN[7] SEYMOUR.

iii. ISAAC NEWTON, d. at Newburgh, 20 Mar. 1825, ae. 2 yrs., 4 mos., 3 days.

297. iv. GEORGE FRANKLIN, b. 25 Jan. 1829.

219. WILLIAM TELL[7] SEYMOUR (*Joel*[6], *William*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Stillwater, N. Y., 19 Sept. 1811, died at Waterford, N. Y., 1888; married at Waterford, N. Y., 29 Mar. 1841, ANN (SCOTT) HOUSE, born at Waterford, N. Y., 7 Apr. 1814, died at Brooklyn, N. Y., 28 Mar. 1895, daughter of Thomas and Grace (Smith). She married first, 7 Apr. 1836, Elijah House, who was born at Andover 27 Feb. 1797, died at Waterford, 24 Sept. 1836, son of Simon and Lucy (Huntington).

He was a graduate of Union College, 1836; settled in Waterford, but went to New York in 1839 and studied law two years. He practiced law in Waterford until 1853, and after that was cashier of Manufacturers Bank, Cohoes, N. Y. Republican; Presbyterian.

Children:

i. MARY HAYDEN[8], b. 20 Mar. 1842; m. at Troy, N. Y., 3 June 1868, JAMES WOODRUFF BLAKE, b. 12 June 1842, d. 13 Jan. 1910. Res. (1919) at Geneseo, N. Y.

ii. HARRIET, b. 18 Sept. 1843; d. unm. 31 Oct. 1874.

iii. SARAH ELIZABETH, b. 26 Nov. 1847; d. 17 July 1849.

iv. WILLIAM THOMAS, b. 30 Jan. 1851; d. 24 Jan. 1852.

v. HARVEY BELDEN, b. 26 Oct. 1854; m. 25 June 1878, HANNAH STELLA MCGUIRE, b. 5 Nov. 1860. He was a bookkeeper; Presbyterian; Republican; res. (1919) Brooklyn, N. Y. Children, b. at Brooklyn:

I. Grace Scott[9], b. 26 Apr. 1879; res. (1919) Brooklyn, N. Y.; m. at Philadelphia, Pa., 4 July 1912, George Manley Kendall, b. at South Framingham, Mass., 23 Sept. 1880, s. of George Edwin and Mary (Topping).

II. William T., b. 9 July 1881; res. (1919) Brooklyn; m. 12 Feb. 1908, Jennie E. White.

III. Mary Ethel, b. 19 May 1883; d. unm. 13 July 1908.

IV. Ruth Belden, b. 24 May 1896; m. at New York, N. Y., 22 July 1915, Edwin Butterfield Cole, b. at Leonia, N. J., 7 Oct. 1892, s. of Charles Edwin and Josephine Henrietta (Taylor).

220. ALFRED[7] SEYMOUR (*Silas*[6], *William*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Lebanon, N. Y., 8 Jan. 1817, died at Lebanon, N. Y., 29 Nov. 1908; married at Brookfield, 1 Jan. 1846, RHODA H.[7] GREENE, born at Brookfield, N. Y., 27 Mar. 1826, died at Lebanon,

N. Y., 3 Sept. 1903, daughter of William[6] (*Amos*[5], *Amos*[4], *John*[3], *Benjamin*[2], *John*[1]) and Mercy (Tefft).

He was a farmer on the paternal homestead in Lebanon, Madison Co., N. Y.

Children:

i. Silas William[8], b. 2 Aug. 1847; m. in 1867, Amelia Morgan. No children.
ii. Sarah Marcia, b. 19 Feb. 1849; m. at Canastota, N. Y., 20 Jan. 1866, Albert A. Morgan, b. at Augusta, N. Y., 29 Mar. 1845, d. at Lebanon, 12 Feb. 1903. He was a farmer and cattle buyer.
iii. Eliza Ann, d. ae. 1 year.
iv. Alfred Franklin, d. ae. 1 year.
v. Arthur W., b. 2 Oct. 1854; d. at Syracuse, N. Y., 17 Dec. 1900; m. at New London, N. Y., Minnie Smith, b. at New London, 22 Apr. 1855, d. at Rome, N. Y., 28 May 1915. Children:

I. A. Kenneth[9], b. 6 Mar. 1886.
II. Edgar Bernard, b. 28 Mar. 1887; m. at Rome, N. Y., 20 Oct. 1917, Anna Marie Bower, b. at Verona, N. Y., 26 Nov. 1899.
III. Lyle H., b. 4 May 1894.

vi. Frank D., b. 27 May 1857; m. Nettie L. Gates; had four children.
vii. Frederick Lincoln, d. young.

221. Sedgwick[7] Seymour (*Chauncey*[6], *Uriah*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at New Hartford, Conn., 20 Sept. 1808, died there 30 Nov. 1859; married 6 Sept. 1831, Mary Ann Case, born at Canton, Conn., 27 Nov. 1812, died 4 Feb. 1895, daughter of Dudley and Lina (Barbour).

Will of Sedgwick Seymour dated 24 July 1858, proved 28 Dec. 1859, names son Hudson M., wife Mary Ann, and daughter Mary S. wife of Hezekiah H. Stone.

Children:

i. Albert G.[8], b. abt. 1833; d. 29 Aug. 1856 ae. 23.
ii. Mary Sedgwick, b. 6 Oct. 1834; d. at Norwich, Conn., July 1936; m. 1 Jan. 1854, Hezekiah Healy Stone, b. at Dudley, Mass., 23 Dec. 1827, d. 21 Nov. 1889, s. of Reuben and Hannah (Davis). Resided at New Hartford, Conn.; a representative to the State Legislature. See below.
iii. James, b. 10 Sept. 1836; d. 24 Sept. 1837.
iv. John W., b. abt. 1839; d. 2 Aug. 1857 ae. 18.

v. HUDSON M., b. 6 Aug. 1842; m. (1) MARIA ———; m. (2) July 1878, ANNA DEW, dau. of George of England. Child by first wife:

I. Jennie[9], b. abt. Mar. 1867; d. 7 July 1873 ae. 6 yrs. 4 mos.

Children by second wife:

II. Martha.
III. Julius.

MARY SEDGWICK[8] (SEYMOUR) STONE (1834-1936) celebrated her hundredth birthday at New Hartford, Conn., 6 Oct. 1934. She had lived there her entire life, and the voters at town meeting passed resolutions felicitating Mrs. Stone. Not long before, the Young People's Society of the North Congregational Church in New Hartford made her an honorary member, a tribute to her interest in the activities of young people.

Born during the presidency of Andrew Jackson, Mrs. Stone was educated in private schools, having attended Miss Gaylord's School in New Britain and Rev. Mr. Holley's institution in West Winsted. In her advanced years, she retained interest in current events, digesting the newspapers and reading two or more books a week. Always a student of politics, she voted regularly from the time the franchise was granted to women.

On Friday, 5 Oct. 1934, the eve of her 100th anniversary, *The Hartford Times* printed an account of Mrs. Stone, from which we quote: "Small in stature, with white hair and a pleasantly wrinkled, kindly face, she seems to have the energy and keenness of a person fifty years her junior. Her eyes are bright, and they do not tire after reading newspapers and books. Book after book she has read, two a week, taxing the little Library in New Hartford, its librarian, and her daughters to the utmost to keep her supplied with good literature.

"When she is not reading, she may be solving cross-word puzzles, and her daughters say she is much faster than they in thinking of the right word for the right space. And whenever her hands are not busy with something else, she is continually knitting—sweaters, youngsters' clothes, and other garments. She almost never looks at the needles as she works, never drops a stitch or knits an uneven line. A little ten-year old girl visited her a few weeks ago and that night begged her mother to teach her to knit or sew. 'Mrs. Stone does so

much for other people, and seems so happy doing it, I want to work for other people too,' she said.

"She points with much pride to her great-grandfather, Uriah Seymour, a captain in Major Elisha Sheldon's Light Horse Regiment, who accompanied General Washington on his return trip through New York in 1776.

"Mrs. Stone smiled as she was asked the inevitable question, 'To what do you attribute your long life?' She answered, 'To the good care of my daughters and to the will of God.' "

On 6 Oct. 1935, which was Tercentenary Sunday as well as Mrs. Stone's 101st birthday, every attendant at the North Congregational Church in New Hartford—old and young, black and white, rich and poor—signed his name as all filed past the desk at the close of the service, to a message of esteem to the oldest member.

Her children were: Eugene H.[9] (1854-1905), unmarried; Anna E. (1861-1933), wife of Frederick B. Jones (1856-1926); Caroline B.; Harriet M.; and Lucy B., wife of James L. Case, no children. Her grandchildren are: Dorothy Louise[10] Jones, A.B. (Smith, 1913, Phi Beta Kappa), wife of Fenno Follansbee Heath, a marine architect, graduate of Pratt Institute, and veteran of the World War; Helen Sedgwick Jones, A.B. (Smith, 1915); and Lucy Van Deusen Jones, A.B. (Smith, 1922). There is a great-grandson, Fenno Follansbee Heath, Jr. (born 1926).

222. THOMAS JEFFERSON[7] SEYMOUR (*Sylvester*[6], *Uriah*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), lived at Meadville, Pa., and was an iron master; married MARIAH STOW BARTON, born at Worcester, Mass., 29 Apr. 1813, daughter of Livy and Phebe (Clement).

Children:

i. MARIAH ELIZABETH[8], b. 1 Aug. 1834.
ii. FRANCES ELECTA, b. 10 July 1836.
iii. SYLVESTER, b. 2 Sept. 1839.
iv. WALLACE, b. 8 Jan. 1841.
v. THOMAS JEFFERSON, b. 13 July 1843.
vi. GEORGE, b. 12 Sept. 1845.
vii. LUCRETIA, b. 13 July 1847.
viii. VIRGINIA, b. 13 Aug. 1849.
ix. LINCOLN BARTON, b. 21 Oct. 1851.
x. FRANK, b. 13 Nov. 1853.
xi. HATTA, b. 8 July 1855.

223. CONSTANTINE ANDRUS[7] SEYMOUR (*Constantine*[6], *Uriah*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Paris Hill, Oneida County, N. Y., 14 Apr. 1811, died at Union City, Mich., in 1889; married at Paris Hill, N. Y., 27 June 1833, LUCY MITCHELL THAYER, born 16 Mar. 1812, died at Union City, Mich., 23 Jan. 1878, daughter of Jonathan.

He was a tailor by trade; Protestant; Republican.

Children:

i. FREDERICK WILLIAM[8], b. 14 Apr. 1834; m. at Union City, Mich., 31 Mar. 1859, FANNIE A. R. PECK, b. abt. Sept. 1832, d. at Maywood, Ill., 21 Nov. 1906; no children. He was a Protestant; Republican; Police Magistrate (1919) at Maywood, Ill.

ii. HENRY, b. 15 Aug. 1836; d. at Union City, Branch Co., Mich., 14 Apr. 1916; a merchant; Republican; m. 4 Jan. 1865, CAROLINE E. TUTHERLEY, b. 18 Sept. 1835, living 1919. Children:

I. John C.[9], b. 13 Oct. 1865.

II. George H., b. 26 June 1867; res. Lakewood, Ohio; m. at Union City, 21 Nov. 1888, Maude L. Hubbard, b. 25 Sept. 1868. Child:

(1) Leon Henry[10], b. 15 Nov. 1889; m. at Palouse, Wash., 31 Jan. 1916, Lorena E. Dartt. Children:

A. George Dartt[11], b. 16 May 1917.
B. Walter Schuyler, b. 5 Oct. 1918.

III. Horace Allan, b. 23 June 1874; d. 30 Sept. 1877.

IV. Cora Elizabeth, b. 17 Dec. 1880; m. 25 June 1912, Henry F. Johnston, of Lorain, Ohio.

iii. GEORGE, b. 31 Mar. 1839; d. at Marshall, Mich., 9 Feb. 1912; m. at Marshall, 25 July 1865, ELIZA DRAKE, b. at Marshall, 28 Sept. 1846, dau. of Benjamin C. and Maria (Smith). Children:

I. Benjamin D.[9], b. 8 Oct. 1869; m. Lida Wright.

II. Frank, b. 4 Aug. 1872; m. Catherine Conway.

III. Henry Ray, b. 21 May 1877; m. Daisy Fox.

IV. Will, b. 14 Oct. 1881; m. Emily Hale.

V. Andrus Allan, b. 3 Jan. 1884; m. Pearl Heiney.

iv. LUCY A., b. 8 May 1844; m. 1 Jan. 1866, ALVA H. WILDER.

224. ALBERT PHELPS[7] SEYMOUR (*Bradford Steele*[6], *Hezekiah*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Trenton, N. Y., 3 May 1807, died at Hecla, N. Y., 29 Feb. 1868; married 24 May 1833, ARSENOE FITCH, born Feb. 1807, lived at Brooklyn, N. Y., 1871, died at Utica, N. Y., daughter of Ebenezer Root and Sarah (Dow).

He was a manufacturer of hardware and iron castings at Westmoreland, N. Y.

Children:

i. ALFRED KELLOGG[8], b. 14 Jan. 1837; d. at Cottage City, Mass., 2 Aug. 1890; m. at Utica, N. Y., in 1871, MARGARETTA JONES, b. at Utica, 13 Feb. 1848, d. at Syracuse, N. Y., 24 Feb. 1914. He was a graduate of Hamilton College, 1857, and became a manufacturer in Westmoreland, N. Y. Children:

I. Katherine Fitch[9], b. at Hecla, N. Y., 29 Jan. 1873; unm. She was an organist and piano teacher, res. (1919) Syracuse, N. Y.

II. Mary Kellogg, b. at Utica, N. Y., 6 Oct. 1875; m. Samuel Manning, who d. at Albany, N. Y., abt. 1910, s. of William T. and Florence Mary.

ii. EBENEZER ROOT, b. 15 June 1839; d. 26 Jan. 1845.

iii. BRADFORD STEELE, b. 28 Oct. 1841; a merchant in New York; m. EMMA BUTLER, b. 10 Feb. 1847, dau. of James Lawrence and Lydia Pauline (Mott); had eight children in Dakota.

iv. ABNER FITCH, b. 10 Sept. 1843; m. 18 Feb. 1869, SARAH ELIZABETH ROSE, b. 28 Oct. 1848, dau. of Jonathan and Sarah Ann (Pierce).

v. MARY ELIZABETH, b. 19 July 1845; m. THOMAS JOHNSON, of New Orleans, La.

vi. ALBERT PHELPS, b. 9 Nov. 1846; a manufacturer at Westmoreland, N. Y.

225. HENRY RODERICK[7] SEYMOUR (*Timothy*[6], *Timothy*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 3 Apr. 1784, died at Buffalo, N. Y., 11 Feb. 1851; married first, at West Hartford, Conn., 2 Jan. 1812, ELIZABETH SELDEN, born at West Hartford, 3 June 1785, died at Buffalo, N. Y., 6 Sept. 1817, daughter of Cephas and Martha (Brainard); married second, at Buffalo, 24 June 1822, LUCIA MARY GROSVENOR, born at Pomfret, Conn., 31 Aug. 1801, died at Buffalo, July 1882.

He was a banker, of Buffalo, N. Y.

Children by first wife, one born at West Hartford, one at Buffalo:

i. ABBY GOODMAN[8], b. 19 June 1815; m. 24 July 1839, HORATIO NELSON HOLT, b. at Cherry Valley, N. Y., 8 Jan. 1811, s. of Gen. Elijah and Mary (Adams) Holt. He was a merchant, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and was Alderman of Brooklyn and Supervisor of Kings County.

ii. HENRY SELDEN, b. 27 Apr. 1817; unm., res. Buffalo, N. Y.

Children by second wife, born at Buffalo:

iii. Lucia Williams, b. 2 May 1823; m. 3 Apr. 1845, Frederick Augustus McKnight, b. at Pittsfield, Mass., 11 June 1821, s. of James and Sarah Gillett (Fanning).

iv. Julia Eliza, b. 18 Apr. 1825; m. 2 Apr. 1846, Charles Townsend[8] Coit, b. at Buffalo, 14 Feb. 1819, s. of George[7] and Hannah (Townsend). Resided in Buffalo, where he was cashier of the First National Bank.

v. Lucretia Grosvenor, b. 18 Sept. 1827; d. 16 Apr. 1850.

vi. Harriet Brown, b. 22 Feb. 1830; m. 18 Aug. 1851, Joseph Cogswell Barnes, b. at Allentown, Pa., 23 Oct. 1824, s. of Brittania Dodridge and Sarah (Pardo).

vii. Mary Jane, b. 30 Oct. 1832; d. 16 Dec. 1835.

viii. Elizabeth Teackle, b. 2 Aug. 1835.

ix. Jane Agnes, b. 1 Dec. 1837; d. 5 Dec. 1839.

x. Elisha Williams, b. 1 Nov. 1840; unm. He served in the Civil War; was 2d Lieut., 5 Sept. 1862, Co. D, 116th N. Y. Vols.; in Louisiana, on the Bank's Expedition, Nov. 1862; Ordnance Officer on the staff of Maj. Gen. Augur; 1st Lieut., 1 Aug. 1863; Captain, 15 Aug. 1863; in battle of Sabine Cross Roads, 6 Apr. 1864, Pleasant Hill, 7 Apr. 1864, Cane River Crossing and Mansura; belonged to Dwight's Division, 19th Corps, Emory's, which was ordered to the Shenandoah Valley, Va., July 1864, at Winchester, 19 Sept. 1864, Fisher's Hill, 22 Sept. 1864, Cedar Creek, 19 Oct. 1864; mustered out, 30 June 1865, at Buffalo, N. Y. Brevet Major, 1 Nov. 1865, "for gallant and meritorious conduct," by the Governor of New York.

xi. Mary Agnes, b. 28 Aug. 1843; d. 18 Oct. 1846.

226. Orson[7] Seymour (*Timothy*[6], *Timothy*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 18 Feb. 1786, died at Canandaigua, N. Y., 11 Oct. 1824; married 24 Apr. 1819, Caroline Maria Clarke, born at New York, N. Y., 3 June 1798, died at Buffalo, N. Y., 14 Nov. 1850, daughter of Dr. Peter and Maria (Fisher).

He was a merchant at Hartford, Conn., for several years; then a clerk in the Utica Bank; afterwards cashier of the "Utica Branch Bank" at Canandaigua, N. Y., until his death.

Children, born at Canandaigua, N. Y.:

i. Caroline Maria[8], b. 12 Jan. 1820; m. 27 Aug. 1840, Theodoric Cordenio Severance, b. at Shelburne, Mass., 1 Mar. 1814, s. of Dr. Robert B. and Diana (Long). He settled in West Newton,

Mass., 1855, and was a banker in Boston several years; Collector of Customs at Port Royal, S. C., 1862-66; later removed to California.

ii. HARRIETTE ELIZA (twin), b. 31 May 1821; m. (1) 7 Oct. 1851, HERMANN E. VAAS, b. in Germany, d. in Texas in 1860; m. (2) 31 May 1864, HENRY IVISON, b. at Glasgow, Scotland, 25 Dec. 1808.

iii. JAMES ORSON (twin), b. 31 May 1821; m. 30 Sept. 1847, MARY ELIZABETH CLEAVELAND, b. at Madison, N. Y., 23 Apr. 1828, d. at Cleveland, Ohio, 29 July 1857, dau. of Benjamin F. and Maria (Trumbull). Children:

I. Caroline Maria[9], b. at Buffalo, N. Y., 7 Mar. 1850.
II. Orson Franklin, b. at Benicia, Calif., 7 Aug. 1853.
III. Hattie Cleaveland, b. at Cleveland, 28 Oct. 1855; d. at Boston, Mass., 29 Dec. 1857.

iv. JOHN EARLE FISHER, b. abt. 1823; d. at Montezuma, N. Y., 16 Apr. 1826 ae. 3.

v. CHARLOTTE ORSENA, b. abt. 1824; d. at Montezuma, 29 June 1825 ae. 1.

227. CHESTER[7] SEYMOUR (*Timothy*[6], *Timothy*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 29 Apr. 1788, died at Brownhelm, Ohio, 10 Oct. 1821; married at West Hartford, 10 Sept. 1813, SARAH[6] HURLBUT, born at West Hartford, 13 Sept. 1787, died at Lockport, N. Y., 18 Feb. 1866, daughter of Lemuel[5] (*Amos*[4], *Thomas*[3], *Stephen*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Tabitha (Nott).

Children, born at West Hartford:

i. HENRY WILLIAM[8], b. 10 Aug. 1814; m. at Seneca Falls, N. Y., 21 Mar. 1838, MALVINA BEEBE, b. at Canandaigua, N. Y., 24 May 1818, dau. of Leicester P. and Redema (Williams). He was a machinist and manufacturer; lived at Seneca Falls, N. Y., 1836 to 1864, thereafter at Lockport, N. Y. Children:

I. William Henry[9], b. 22 Jan. 1839; enlisted as a private, 9 Oct. 1861, in Co. I, 75th Regt., N. Y. Vols.; was then appointed Sergt. Major of the Regt.; served at Pensacola, Fla., and at New Orleans, La.; and was there discharged for disability, 11 Sept. 1862. He engaged in the hardware business in Ottumwa, Iowa.
II. Frederick Herbert, b. 6 Dec. 1857.
III. Walstien, b. 5 Feb. 1863.

ii. ELIZABETH, b. 15 Oct. 1817; d. 19 Jan. 1819 at Brownhelm, Ohio.

228. NORMAN[7] SEYMOUR (*Norman*[6], *Timothy*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 20 Sept. 1782, died at Mt. Morris, N. Y., 12 Dec. 1859; married first, at Herkimer, N. Y., 4 Sept. 1805, MARY HOPKINS, born at Boston, Mass., 13 Feb. 1780, died at Herkimer, 23 Aug. 1808; married second, at Herkimer, 31 Dec. 1815, LYDIA KELSEY, born at Killingworth, Conn., 24 Apr. 1782, died at Mt. Morris, N. Y., 29 June 1857, daughter of Asa and Submit (Wright).

He settled in Herkimer, N. Y., in 1804, and there followed his trade of hatter until 1821, when he removed to Rome, N. Y. In 1842 he settled in Mt. Morris, N. Y., and engaged in mercantile pursuits with his eldest son.

Child by first wife, born at Herkimer:

i. MARY HOPKINS[8], b. 31 July 1808; d. at Mt. Morris, 25 Feb. 1845; m. 10 Oct. 1832, GEORGE[7] HASTINGS, b. at Clinton, N. Y., 13 Mar. 1807, d. at Mt. Morris, N. Y., 29 Aug. 1866, s. of Dr. Seth[6] (*Seth*[5], *Hopestill*[4], *Thomas*[3], *Thomas*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Huldah (Clark).

Children by second wife, born at Herkimer except youngest, at Rome:

ii. CATHERINE MILLS, b. 12 Dec. 1817; living (1892) unm.

298. iii. NORMAN (twin), b. 19 Dec. 1819.

iv. LYDIA KELSEY (twin), b. 19 Dec. 1819; d. 4 Jan. 1867; m. at Mt. Morris, 4 Apr. 1848, WHEELER HINMAN, b. at Livonia, N. Y., 14 Feb. 1814, s. of Theodore and Elsie (Briggs).

299. v. MCNEIL, b. 5 Jan. 1822.

229. ALEXANDER[7] SEYMOUR (*Norman*[6], *Timothy*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, 5 Oct. 1784, died at Cleveland, Ohio, 8 Aug. 1850; married first, 1 Feb. 1813, MARY ANN BISSELL; married second, Sept. 1821, HESTER LANSING, born in 1793, died at Cleveland, 8 July 1839, daughter of Cornelius and Hester (Vanderheyden) of Lansingburgh, N. Y.

He settled as a merchant in Utica, N. Y., until 1834, and was afterwards a banker in Cleveland, Ohio. He was at the head of the Board of Health in Cleveland at the time of the cholera epidemic. He gave unstinted service to the people, was exhausted and died as the epidemic passed; the poor attended his funeral by hundreds.

Children by second wife, born at Utica, except youngest, at Cleveland:

i. HELEN[8] b. in 1823; d. in 1825.

ii. Mary Ann, b. 18 Apr. 1825; m. 3 Aug. 1847, William Warren, b. at Uffington, Berkshire, England, 22 Mar. 1819.

iii. Cornelius Lansing, b. at Utica, 12 Dec. 1826; d. at Buffalo, N. Y., 16 Apr. 1862; m. at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1848, Lucy A.[8] Kingsbury, b. at Cleveland, 5 Dec. 1828, d. at Buffalo, 24 May 1877, dau. of Almon[7] (*James*[6], *Absalom*[5], *Ephraim*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Joseph*[2], *Henry*[1]) and Lucy Ann (Cone). Children, all except first born at Buffalo:

I. Samuel Lansing[9], b. at Cleveland, Ohio, 14 Aug. 1849; res. Pittsburgh, Pa.; m. 24 Dec. 1872, Henrietta I. Merrick, b. at Akron, Ohio, 1 Jan. 1851. Children:

(1) Warren Ilsley[10], b. 27 Aug. 1873; d. 12 Feb. 1914; m. 27 June 1901, Emily Sproul. Children: Emily[11] and Henrietta.

(2) Lansing Schermerhorn, b. 1 Sept. 1876; m. 30 May 1902, Loraine Tait. Child: Alexander[11].

II. Helen Lucy, b. 9 May 1851; m. 18 Apr. 1881, Samuel Worcester Andrew, b. 20 Apr. 1849, grad. Yale College, 1871, s. of Samuel and Fannie Augusta (Crafts).

III. Kate Vanderheyden, b. 18 Oct. 1853.

IV. Emily Ketchum, b. 30 June 1856; teacher in Chicago University.

V. Charles Hurd, b. 5 Oct. 1858; d. at Buffalo, 19 Oct. 1913; m. 7 Feb. 1883, Sarah Emma Dodge, b. 4 Oct. 1856. Children:

(1) Cornelius Lansing[10], b. 14 Nov. 1884; m. at Syracuse, N. Y., in 1916, Mary Louise Sanders, b. 21 Oct. 1889.

(2) Richard Dodge, b. 20 Jan. 1892; m. Hazel Irene Grant.

VI. Lansing, b. Jan. 1862; d. ae. 4 mos. 10 days.

iv. Alexander, b. 6 Oct. 1828; res. unm. (1862) Waukegan, Ill.

v. Helen Lansing, b. 26 June 1831; m. 7 Oct. 1851, Seth Coggswell Baldwin, s. of Edward and Mercy P. (Doan); res. Cleveland, Ohio.

vi. Charles, b. 7 July 1838.

230. William[7] Seymour (*Truman*[6], *Timothy*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Albany, N. Y., 23 Sept. 1793, died there 26 or 27 July 1867; married first, 2 Apr. 1816, Jane Bradt, born at Albany, 14 Dec. 1796, died there 13 Aug. 1837, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Van Deusen); married second, 12 June 1849, Margaret Newlands, born at Albany, 4 Nov. 1804, daughter of David and Jane (McHarg).

He enlisted in the War of 1812, at Albany, Sept. 1814, was

Orderly Sergt., and stationed at Staten Island. By trade a bookbinder, he pursued that business successfully in Albany for several years. He served as Alderman, 1822 to 1832; a member of the State Legislature in 1832 and 1836; and for eleven years he was Collector and Inspector of the port of Albany, receiving his appointment from President Jackson. He was prominent in the Masonic Order, and was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of New York for many years. He was for several years Chamberlain of the City of Albany; a director of the Albany City Bank from its incorporation in 1834 until his death; and a director of the Albany Medical College from its organization.

Children, born at Albany:

i. ELIZABETH[8], b. 20 Jan. 1817; d. 22 Sept. 1817.

ii. WILLIAM, b. 2 Oct. 1818; m. 15 May 1844, JANE R. SCHMELZEL, b. at New York City, 6 Apr. 1820, d. there 13 June 1869(?), dau. of John B. and Jane (Ostheim). He settled in New York City, 1836, and became a securities broker; President of N. Y. Stock Exchange, 1864. Children, b. in New York:

I. Jane S.[9], b. 24 Feb. 1846; d. 28 Aug. 1857.
II. Julia, b. 2 Nov. 1847.
III. William W., b. 31 Mar. 1850.
IV. John, b. 11 Jan. 1855.
V. Mary, b. 19 Sept. 1857.
VI. George, b. 5 Nov. 1859.
VII. Emma, b. 19 July 1861.

iii. ELIZABETH, b. 27 Aug. 1820; m. 26 Aug. 1841, ROBERT JOSEPH BULLOCK, M.D., b. at Bethlehem, N. Y., 22 May 1812, s. of Joseph and Elizabeth (Vedder) Bullock. and grandson of Lt.-Col. Volkert Vedder of the Revolution. Dr. Bullock was graduated from Western Medical College, 1836, and practised in Bethlehem and Albany, N. Y. Seven children.

iv. TRUMAN, b. 23 Oct. 1823; d. 26 Nov. 1823.

v. JULIA, b. 28 Oct. 1824; m. at Albany, 6 Feb. 1850, HENRY DEMAREST[7] CRANE, b. at Catskill, N. Y., 27 Feb. 1825, s. of Daniel[6] (*Daniel*[5], *Joseph*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Jonathan*[2], *Benjamin*[1]) and Elsie Ann (Demarest). Eight children.

vi. JANE, b. 4 Apr. 1827; m. 6 Apr. 1848, GEORGE PEARSON KLINE, b. at Albany, 5 Apr. 1823, s. of Mathias and Catharine (Abbott). Thirteen children.

vii. ANNIE ZABIAH, b. 22 May 1831; m. 22 May 1862, CHARLES MARSH TALLMAN, b. at Duanesburg, N. Y., 1 Apr. 1829, s. of Britton and Lucy (Marsh). He was graduated from Union College, 1848, and settled in New York City as a lawyer.

231. Isaac Packard[7] Seymour (*Truman*[6], *Timothy*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Albany, N. Y., 25 Feb. 1795, died at Dundee, N. Y., 28 Oct. 1871; married at Eddytown, Yates Co., N. Y., 27 Sept. 1821, Sally Ann Mapes, born at Chester, Orange County, N. Y., 14 Aug. 1800, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Hallock).

He was commissioned Ensign of Ontario County Militia, 1818, and Paymaster of Steuben County Militia, 1820. He held the office of Justice of the Peace eighteen years in succession, and was, for half a century, an active member of the Presbyterian Church. He and his wife celebrated their Golden Wedding a month before his sudden death. "He was ever kind, pleasant and social, and gave his influence on the side of bettering society in all moral questions of the age, and for candor, honesty, uprighteousness, temperance and Christian deportment, formed a character which will stand out in bold relief before his family and acquaintances as worthy of remembrance while life lasts."

Children, born at Eddytown, Yates County, N. Y:

i. James Oscar[8], b. 23 Sept. 1823; m. 3 June 1851, Sarah Augusta Fryer, b. at Norwich, Vt., 16 Dec. 1828, dau. of Peter and Anna (Russel). He was employed by the N. Y. Central R.R.

ii. Elizabeth Mapes, b. 30 Dec. 1825; m. 20 July 1858, Lewis Huested, b. at Milo, N. Y., 24 Nov. 1824.

iii. Maria Hogarth, b. 15 Feb. 1828; d. 9 May 1878; m. 13 Oct. 1857, Samuel Newell Anthony, b. at Rochester, Vt., 17 May 1817, d. 17 May 1887, s. of Samuel and Elvira (Rockwell); res. Grand de Tour, Ill.

iv. Henrietta How, b. 20 Sept. 1830; d. 21 Dec. 1861.

v. Hiland Rawson, b. 9 June 1833; m. 19 Oct. 1858, Sarah Addia Robbins, b. at Reading, N. Y., 14 Apr. 1838, dau. of Archibald and Sarah Ann (Chapman). Children, b. at Watkins, N. Y.:

I. Louie Hiland[9] b. 20 Feb. 1859.
II. Archie Robbins, b. 20 May 1861.
III. Washington Irving, b. 16 June 1863.

vi. Myron, b. 21 Mar. 1837; d. 9 Mar. 1839.

vii. Harriet Wendell, b. 19 Aug. 1839.

viii. Robert Packard, b. 4 Nov. 1844; d. 6 Dec. 1866. He was a soldier in the Civil War, serving in the 85th N. Y. Volunteers; was in the Peninsular Campaign; was wounded and taken prisoner at Plymouth, N. C., was confined at Andersonville Prison eleven months, and died of disease there contracted.

232. Rev. Truman[7] Seymour (*Truman*[6], *Timothy*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Albany, N. Y., 25 Jan. 1799, died at Troy, N. Y., 15 Nov. 1874; married 15 Nov. 1820, Ann Armstrong, born at Enniskillen, Ireland, 26 Dec. 1799, died at Troy, 9 Dec. 1873, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Blair).

He was a carriage-maker by trade, established at Burlington, Vt., until 1829. He became a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Troy Conference, from 1819; stationed at Charlotte, Vt., 1829-30; Monkton Circuit, Vt., 1830-31; Plattsburgh, N. Y., 1831-33; Keeseville, N. Y., 1833-35; Schenectady, 1835-36; Troy, 1836-38; Albany, 1838-40; Presiding Elder, Poultney District, 1840-44; Plattsburgh District, 1844-45; Jonesville, 1845-47; West Troy, 1847-49; Chatham, 1849-50; Amsterdam, 1850-52; Presiding Elder, Albany District, 1852-56, and of Saratoga District, 1856-60; Green Island, 1860-62; Castleton, 1862-64; and Williamstown, Mass., 1864-67. Thereafter, he resided in Troy until his death.

Rev. Mr. Seymour was called the Father of Methodism in the region he served. Converted at seventeen, and a local preacher at the age of twenty, for thirty-seven years he never lost two weeks for any cause from the immediate work of his holy calling. Of his wife, who survived to celebrate her Golden Wedding with him, it was written: "She was evidently designed by the Master for an itinerant Methodist minister's wife in the times that tried men's souls. She was never tired when others were weary. She was never despondent when others needed cheering. She was never ill when those she loved needed nursing. At the Golden Wedding in 1870 her face was as free from wrinkles and the marks of care as when fifty years before she blushed as a bride. Her hands performed some kindly office of affection for her companion only a few hours before they grew cold. Her stormy life came to such a triumphant, peaceful, and beautiful issue, that her son, General Truman Seymour, when requested to wear crape as an emblem of mourning, refused, saying that a rose would best represent his feelings and the occasion."

Children:

i. Ann Eliza[8], b. at Burlington, Vt., 1 Dec. 1822; d. at West Troy, N. Y., 26 Feb. 1860; m. (1) 13 Jan. 1840, Jacob Hochstrasser, b. at Albany, N. Y., 5 May 1802, d. there 15 Apr. 1845, s. of Paul and Catherine (Snyder); m. (2) 11 Nov. 1847, Harry Raymond Taylor, b. at Ballston, N. Y., 16 Aug. 1799, d. at Apalachicola, Fla., 15 Jan. 1866, s. of Raymond and Sarah (Riggs). Two children by first husband; one by second.

300. ii. TRUMAN, b. at Burlington, Vt., 25 Sept. 1824.

iii. ROBERT, b. at Burlington, Vt., 1 Aug. 1827; a dentist, of Troy, N. Y.; m. 16 Feb. 1852, MARY ELMINA WATERBURY, b. at Nassau, N. Y., 13 Apr. 1833, dau. of Charles and Naomi (Hoag). Children:

I. Mary Louisa[9], b. at Herkimer, N. Y., 17 May 1858.
II. Truman, b. at Troy, 19 Dec. 1860; d. 1 Sept. 1872.

iv. JULIA ZIBIAH, b. at Plattsburgh, N. Y., 26 Sept. 1832; res. (1919) Montclair, N. J.; m. 29 Sept. 1852, GEORGE FRANKLIN GRAY, b. at Granville, N. Y., 12 June 1828, d. at Brooklyn, N. Y., 12 Apr. 1879, s. of Lyman. Six children.

v. MARY, b. at Keeseville, N. Y., 11 June 1835; d. at Albany, N. Y., 17 Aug. 1838.

301. vi. WILLIAM HENRY, b. at Albany, 10 Sept. 1838.

vii. CHARLES AUGUSTUS, b. at West Poultney, Vt., 10 Aug. 1842; m. (1) 3 July 1863, MARY ELIZABETH GOODWIN, b. 25 Sept. 1847, dau. of Jesse and Eveline (Vosburg); m. (2) ——— ———. He enlisted as a Private, 12 May 1861, in Co. H, 2d N. Y. Vols.; appointed Corporal, Oct. 1861, and Sergeant, 10 June 1862; on detached service with Gen. Truman Seymour until mustered out, 26 May 1863. Children by first wife:

I. Fanny[9], b. at Castleton, N. Y., 16 Aug. 1864.
II. George Gray, b. at Waterford, N. Y., 2 Aug. 1866.

233. TIMOTHY[7] SEYMOUR (*Truman*[6], *Timothy*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Albany, N. Y., 30 May 1801, died there 20 Nov. 1887; married 10 Aug. 1829, ELIZABETH BRADT, born at Albany, 14 June 1807, died 4 Mar. 1901, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Van Deusen).

He was a bookbinder, of the firm of Seymour & Russ, Albany, N. Y.

Children, born at Albany (except fifth and sixth, at Bethlehem), N. Y.:

i. ELIZABETH[8], b. 24 Nov. 1833; res. (1909) Brooklyn, N. Y.; m. at Albany, 6 Sept. 1853, REV. NATHANIEL BAKER KLINK, b. at Bethlehem, N. Y., 25 Feb. 1823, d. in California, 30 May 1895, s. of George and Joanna (Baker). He was graduated from Union College, N. Y., 1847, and from Princeton Seminary, 1851, and held pastorates in New York, New Jersey, and California. Nine children.

ii. JANE MATILDA, b. 25 Sept. 1835; d. 11 Oct. 1851.

iii. GEORGE TIMOTHY, b. 19 Sept. 1837; m. EMILY TITUS.

iv. WILLIAM RICHARDSON, b. 17 July 1839; d. at Albany, 12 Aug. 1868. He enlisted 28 Apr. 1861, for three months, in Co. K, 25th N. Y. State Militia; afterward, Clerk in Subs. Dept., Army of the Cumberland; Captain and A. C. S. Vols., 5 Mar. 1864; mustered out 26 Oct. 1865. Brevet Major "for faithful and meritorious services," 21 Oct. 1865.

v. ISAAC BRADT, b. 29 May 1842; d. 19 Jan. 1851.

vi. ISABEL, b. 16 July 1844; m. 18 Nov. 1868, THOMAS STEWART CALLENDER, b. at Albany, 15 May 1845, s. of David and Catharine (Blackall). He was a lumber merchant, of Greenbush, N. Y.

vii. DUDLEY, b. 21 Sept. 1846; d. 24 Oct. 1850.

viii. EDWARD, b. 18 Mar. 1849; d. 10 July 1849.

234. AYRES[7] SEYMOUR (*Allyn*[6], *Allyn*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 23 Apr. 1784, died at Joseph Township, Ill., 2 Sept. 1862; married at Redfield, N. Y., 24 Feb. 1808, LOIS R. FERGUSON, born at Whitestown, Oneida Co., N. Y., 9 Jan. 1794, died at Amherst, Ohio, 29 Aug. 1848.

Ayres settled at Adams, Jefferson Co., N. Y., about 1821, and removed to Elyria, Ohio, about 1834. He was a blacksmith and farmer, "a worthy Christian man." In the War of 1812, he enlisted at Redfield, Oswego Co., N. Y., Oct. 1814, in the New York Militia.

Children, first six born at Redfield, N. Y., seventh and ninth at Smithville, N. Y., eighth and tenth at Adams, N. Y., eleventh at Amherst, Ohio:

i. LOIS[8], b. 27 May 1809; m. at Smithville, N. Y., 10 Mar. 1831, ISRAEL EVERDEEN; res. Maumee City, Ohio.

ii. LOUISA, b. 2 Apr. 1811; d. 5 Aug. 1813.

iii. LOUISA, b. 23 Apr. 1813; d. 1 Nov. 1851; m. (1) at Amherst, Ohio, 10 Mar. 1834, JOHN HARPER SAWYER, b. at Mariaville, N. Y., Oct. 1811, d. at Amherst, 10 Sept. 1840; m. (2) at Cleveland, Ohio, 12 Oct. 1843, MORRIS NOAH KENT, b. at Westfield, N. Y., 23 Sept. 1811.

iv. RALPH, b. 2 Nov. 1815; m. (1) at Westfield, N. Y., 25 Sept. 1832, HANNAH KENT, b. at Westfield, 21 June 1819, d. at Elyria, Ohio, 12 June 1847; m. (2) at Amherst, Ohio, 7 Nov. 1847, ADELA PICKET, b. 5 Feb. 1830. Children by first wife:

I. Almira[9], b. 25 Sept. 1840; d. 12 Mar. 1841.
II. Jane, b. 19 Oct. 1841; d. 8 Oct. 1849.
III. Ayres, b. 16 July 1843; d. 16 Aug. 1848.
IV. Harriet, b. 16 Feb. 1845; d. 16 Aug. 1845.
V. Allen, b. 12 Apr. 1847.

Children by second wife:

VI. Eugene Seelye, b. 7 Nov. 1852.
VII. Lorin Tim, b. 3 May 1857.
VIII. Ferdinand Berdell, b. 6 Apr. 1862.

v. CAROLINE, b. 27 Dec. 1818; m. at Henderson, N. Y., 16 June 1835, ALBERT ARMSDEN DAVIS, b. at Lunenburg, Vt., 27 Mar. 1810.
vi. JANE, b. 22 Jan. 1820; m. at Amherst, Ohio, 9 June 1841, DANIEL H. WOLCOTT, b. at Geneseo, N. Y., 25 Apr. 1816, d. at Talladega, Ala., 23 Nov. 1865, while a Private in Co. I, 27th Iowa Vols., which belonged to the 2d Division, 16th Army Corps.
vii. ELIM, b. 11 June 1823.
viii. MALVINA, b. 7 Feb. 1826; d. at Philo, Ill., 27 Oct. 1865; m. (1) 15 Dec. 1845, WILLIAM BABBITT; m. (2) in 1855, DUGALD CAMERON CAMPBELL, who d. at Urbana, Ill., 6 Oct. 1865.
ix. ARDEN, b. 11 June 1829; served three years in the Civil War.
x. AYRES, b. 29 Aug. 1831; d. 17 Mar. 1837.
xi. PAMELIA, b. 27 Nov. 1833; m. 7 Jan. 1852, ANDREW BURTON BOOMER, b. at Ellisburg, N. Y., 23 Aug. 1827.

235. LIEUT. RODNEY[7] SEYMOUR (*Allyn*[6], *Allyn*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 17 Sept. 1794, died at Redfield, N. Y., 1 May 1867; married 21 Apr. 1818, SOPHRONIA SHERWOOD, born at Fairfield, N. Y., 14 Feb. 1800, daughter of Jeremiah and Abigail (Hall).

He served in the War of 1812, in the N. Y. Militia in 1814. He was commissioned Lieutenant of Oswego County Militia, 1822.

Children, born at Redfield, N. Y.:

i. CHARLOTTE SOPHRONIA[8], b. 21 Jan. 1819; m. 12 May 1844, ENOCH HENRY ALDEN, b. 16 June 1819, s. of Dr. Enoch and Lucy; res. Wolcott, Minn.
ii. ALLYN RODNEY, b. 24 Dec. 1819; a farmer, res. Munica, Mich.; m. (1) 8 Mar. 1852, ISABEL MURRAY, b. at Vienna, N. Y., 3 Jan. 1820, d. at Crockery, Mich., 17 Dec. 1866, dau. of Willet and Julia; m. (2) 12 Jan. 1868, MARGRET DERRY, b. in Canada West, 6 Feb. 1832, dau. of John and Martha (Kelly).
iii. MILLY, b. 12 May 1821; d. at Redfield, 5 Feb. 1843; m. 24 Dec. 1841, ENOCH HENRY ALDEN, who m. (2) her eldest sister, above.
iv. HENRY HALL, b. 3 Apr. 1823; d. 25 Dec. 1849; M.D., in practice for two years before his death.
v. BETSEY HENRIETTA, b. 13 Jan. 1825; d. 24 Aug. 1825.
vi. VIRGIL JEREMIAH, b. 11 Oct. 1826; d. 24 Sept. 1829.

vii. ALPHONSO HANNIBAL, b. 26 May 1828; m. at Augusta, N. Y., 23 Sept. 1855, SARAH JANE ALLEN, b. at Augusta, 23 Nov. 1829, dau. of Amos and Lucinda (Howland). Children, b. at Redfield:

I. Alphonso H.[9]
II. Henry Allen, b. 9 Oct. 1857.
III. Willis Rodney, b. 21 Nov. 1859; d. 10 June 1862.
IV. Ella May, b. 29 Nov. 1861.

viii. VIRGIL JEREMIAH, b. 14 Feb. 1829; m. at Camden, N. Y., 24 Sept. 1855, ELEANOR TICKNOR, b. at Chenango, N. Y., in 1835, dau. of Enos Smith and Jane (Van Valkenberg). Children, b. at Redfield:

I. Minnie Sophronia[9], b. 6 Oct. 1856.
II. Jay, b. 30 Mar. 1860; d. 25 June 1861.
III. Henrietta Jane, b. 6 Sept. 1864.
IV. Ada, b. 2 May 1867.

ix. MARCUS SHERRILL, b. 3 Oct. 1832; m. 18 Nov. 1857, CLARISSA MARIA BABCOCK, b. 4 May 1836, dau. of Austin and Lucretia (Thatcher). Children, b. at Wolcott, Minn.:

I. Charles Austin[9], b. 3 Apr. 1861.
II. Nellie Sophronia, b. 15 July 1863.
III. Henrietta Lucretia, b. 26 July 1865.

x. HANNIBAL (twin), b. 25 July 1833; killed in battle of Fredericksburg, Va., 12 Dec. 1862; Second Lieut., 1 Nov. 1861, Co. G, 59th N. Y. Vols., attached to 3d Brigade, 2d Division, 2d Corps, Army of the Potomac. He was present in the Campaign of 1862 before Richmond, at Antietam, and received his mortal wound at Fredericksburg while commanding Co. E.

xi. HAMILTON (twin), b. 25 July 1833; d. 24 Sept. 1833.

xii. HARLOW, b. 25 Oct. 1836; m. SARAH ANTHONY, b. in St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., 10 Apr. 1845, dau. of Barney and Jane Hannah. Child, b. at Osceola, N. Y.:

I. Delbert[9], b. 10 July 1864.

236. IRA[7] SEYMOUR (*Allyn*[6], *Allyn*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 25 Aug. 1797; married 12 Apr. 1825, LURA DIMICK, born at Redfield, N. Y., 29 Jan. 1804, daughter of Richard and Nabby (Tennings).

He settled in Syracuse, N. Y., in 1841, and served as a member of the Common Council.

Children:

i. IRA BRAYTON[8], b. at Redfield, N. Y., 7 Apr. 1833; m. at Syracuse, N. Y., 19 Sept. 1854, JANE KINSLEY, b. at Otisco, N. Y., 24 Mar. 1834, dau. of Lyman and Sylva (Burt). Child:

I. Francis Henry[9], b. at Syracuse, N. Y., 28 Mar. 1856.

ii. OLIVER TEAL, b. at Syracuse, 12 Sept. 1843. He served during the Civil War; enlisted as a Private, 15 Aug. 1863, in Co. C, 3d N. Y. Vol. Artillery; appointed Quartermaster Sergeant, 31 Aug. 1863; served in North Carolina from Sept. 1863 to Apr. 1865, and was in the Battles of Newbern and Kingston; mustered out, 13 June 1865.

IRA BRAYTON[8] SEYMOUR (born 1833) served during the Civil War, being commissioned 18 Sept. 1862, Captain of Co. E, 149th N. Y. Vols., and was present at the Battle of Fredericksburg, Va., and at Gettysburg; was afterwards with the Western Army in many engagements; Provost Marshal General of 2d Division, 20th Army Corps, 20 Dec. 1863; attached to Gen. Geary's staff until mustered out 30 June 1865; commissioned Major, 20 May 1865; Brevet Major "for gallant and meritorious services during the recent campaign in Georgia and the Carolinas, to date from 13 Mar. 1865"; Brevet Lieut. Colonel, by State of N. Y., 10 Sept. 1867, "for gallant and meritorious service in the field during the War."

237. NATHAN PERKINS[7] SEYMOUR (*Charles*[6], *Charles*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 24 Dec. 1813, died at New Haven, Conn., 28 Dec. 1891; married at Hartford, 7 Sept. 1841, ELIZABETH DAY, born at Hartford, 16 Feb. 1816, died at New Haven, 7 Sept. 1900, daughter of Hon. Thomas and Sarah (Coit), and niece of Jeremiah Day, President of Yale College.

His early home was in Dorr Street, but while he was a small child the family moved to the large house in Pratt Street which was the family home for a third of a century. He attended the Hopkins Grammar School, entering Yale College in 1830 and graduating in 1834 with the appointment of Salutatory Oration.

After serving for two years as Rector of the Hopkins Grammar School of Hartford, he returned to New Haven in 1836 as tutor in Yale College. In 1840 he was called to the chair of Latin and Greek in Western Reserve College at Hudson, Ohio, which had

been founded a few years before. In 1867 he received the honorary degree of LL.D. from Kenyon College. He served as Professor of Latin and Greek until 1870, when he was made Professor Emeritus, and soon was appointed lecturer on English Literature.

From then until within a few months of his death, he delivered courses of lectures not only in the College with which he had been so long connected, but also before the students of the Lake Erie Seminary at Painesville and at schools in Cleveland and other places. In 1885 he delivered a course of lectures in English literature at Yale College. In the spring of each year from 1879 until 1891 he lectured at Miss Porter's School in Farmington.

In April 1891 Professor and Mrs. Seymour left the large square brick house in Hudson which he had built, their family home for nearly half a century, and went to New Haven to make their home with their son, Professor Thomas Day Seymour and his wife, at 34 Hillhouse Avenue. His death followed an attack of the prevailing influenza, and was hastened by a fall. He was buried in the Grove Street Cemetery.

Professor Seymour was the first, so far as known, to begin a study of the Seymour genealogy, which his niece Miss Talcott continued.

His life was that of a scholar, loving knowledge, shunning excitement, shrinking from notoriety. His mind was clear, strong, and accurate. In all things he was straightforward and sincere. He was incapable of pursuing his ends by indirection. He loathed that which was selfish and mean. No man had a kinder heart. He was sensitive and refined; somewhat intolerant of whatever failed to conform to his aesthetic canons; witty rather than humorous; a born teacher, delighting in imparting knowledge; a sincere Christian, though not always willing to accept denominational formulae of belief.

His granddaughter, Mrs. Angel, gives this intimate description of him in his latter years:

> He always wore black broadcloth, with long tails, and a high black stock, a high silk hat except in hot summer weather, when he had a tan colored straw—*not* a sailor. He was never bald, but his hair was thin and long, white, in separate tufts, as it floated about, on top and on the sides, very soft. He always moved with great energy and purpose, used his hands and fingers for gesticulating freely—never his arms or shoulders—and would talk earnestly, his head slightly on one side, his keen light eyes shining, watching; I think of him as having no self-consciousness. When he was in harmony with his

surroundings, no one could be a more stimulating and delightful companion. He loved all fine poetry, lived with it, so his grandchildren were familiar with his little jokes from Shakespear: "You shall not be excused, Sir John; excuses shall not serve, Sir John"; or sonorous quotations from the Bible—"There was a man in the land of Uz." He must have been a splendid teacher, a thrilling one. Music too was dear to him, especially Beethoven. He knew something about Harmony, theoretically, but could not play more than chords. He was much of an autocrat in his own family, with little restraint of a quick temper, but an equally quick reaction to tenderness. His first words on entering his home in Hudson were "Elizabeth"—calling his wife. Story of his wrath with a careless milkman illustrates much; a four year old granddaughter patted his arm in the midst of his harangue, saying, "That will do, Grandpapa"—and it did.

Another granddaughter writes that when displeased with a sermon he would turn round in the pew until he almost had his back to the minister,—to the embarrassment of his family.

The following contributed sketch throws additional light on the characteristics of Professor Seymour:

The Seymour home in Hudson for half a century was a large square brick house which he built in 1843, not long after his marriage. It stood on high ground near the old "Brick Row" of the colleges facing a great field which was intended to be a college park. The entrance door with its side-lights was flanked by columns of the Greek Doric order, finely proportioned and executed in wood. The house with its four acre grounds is now (1936) much as it was when occupied by the Seymour family except that the wooden wing in the rear has been rebuilt of brick. Formerly the house was heated from seven fireplaces, in some of which wood-burning stoves of the "drum" type were installed, requiring frequent attention on wintry days. Professor Seymour usually attended to the fires himself, bringing in armfulls of hickory sticks (he used only hickory). He kept physically fit by splitting hickory logs and by walking once or twice daily to the village stores and post office, half a mile distant. He was of more than average height, of medium build and through his long life of robust health. Near-sighted, he wore gold-rimmed octagonal spectacles which rested on his forehead while he was reading. In dress, he adhered to fashions of the sixties wearing invariably a long frock coat of black broadcloth, a black satin "stock," a silk hat and high topped boots.

His study, its walls lined with books, floor to ceiling, occupied the southwest corner of the second story. From its windows he enjoyed a view of the Richfield hills some ten miles westward reminding him of Connecticut. To this room his grandchildren were always received with welcome; he delighted in telling us stories of his boyhood and as we grew older pointing out the real meaning and beauty of literature, of art and of music, illustrating each in such a way as to make clear to us the abstract truths and principles of life. He was a reader of daily and weekly papers, with special interest in govern-

ment policies; I recall particularly his reading aloud from the Cleveland *Leader* the messages to Congress of President Cleveland, whose peculiar phraseology aroused his interest.

In dress and manners a gentleman of the old school, he was critically receptive of advanced ideas in social problems and discoveries in science and medicine. Of Christian Science he remarked that it was "neither Christian nor Science," and of Woman Suffrage, that it would surely come whether we favored it or not.

Our Grandmother set a bountiful table, and he relished good food, saying that bad cooking caused more harm in this world than whiskey. He liked his tea but abstained from wine and liquor.

Of his parents he said that his Mother, a minister's daughter, meeting many young men studying for the ministry, preferred to marry a business man!

Throughout his life he derived great enjoyment from music. He was especially devoted to the sonatas and symphonies of Beethoven. He would like to hear a piece repeated many times on the piano, studying the themes and their development and the relation of one part to another so as to interpret the real meaning of the composer. He had a keen ear for quality of voice and for tone of instrument, once remarking that the real test of a great violinist was not in rapid and apparently difficult music, but in the quality of slow and sustained tones. His voice was rich and deep. He enjoyed singing hymns and parts of oratorio with his grandchildren, as they did with him.

After the college removed to Cleveland, he made weekly trips to deliver courses of lectures at the college and before groups of intellectual people there and in other cities. He invariably walked to the station, even in deep snow and zero weather, taking the early Monday "milk-train."

W. E. P.

Pictures of Professor Seymour and of the Seymour homestead in Hudson, Ohio, are included herein.

Children, born at Hudson, Ohio:

i. Charles[8], b. 20 Dec. 1843; d. 12 Apr. 1913, unm. See below.

ii. Sarah Day, b. 30 Nov. 1845; d. at New Hartford, Conn., 15 Aug. 1934; m. 31 Dec. 1868, William Cheney Parsons, b. at Brimfield, Ohio, 19 Feb. 1841, d. at Hartford, 5 Feb. 1925, s. of Edward and Clementina (Janes) Parsons. He was graduated from Western Reserve College, 1863; was tutor there, 1865-7; served in the Civil War, Battery E, Ohio Artillery. He settled at Akron, Ohio, where he was a manufacturer; removed in 1907 to New Hartford, Conn., where he and his wife are buried. Children:

I. Katharine Seymour[9], b. 27 Feb. 1870; m. 20 Sept. 1930, Rev. Lee Maltbie Dean, B.A. (Yale, 1896), s. of Lee Parker and Seraph (Maltbie); res. Falls Village, Conn.

II. William Edward, b. 19 June 1872; m. 21 Aug. 1911, Myra Louise Matthews, dau. of Franklin and Mary (Crosby), cousin and ward of Clara Louise Kellogg. See below. Children, b. at Chicago, Ill.:

(1) Louise Kellogg[10], b. 11 Mar. 1915; m. 5 Jan. 1936, Francis Rew Stanton, s. of Edgar and Harriet (Rew) of Winnetka, Ill., a graduate of Yale College, 1932, and of the Yale School of Fine Arts (Architecture), 1935.

(2) Seymour, b. 5 July 1916; student at Yale, Class of 1938.

III. Harriet Day, b. 17 July 1876.

IV. Sarah Day, b. 27 Aug. 1880; d. in infancy.

V. Charles Seymour, b. 4 Feb. 1882; d. 18 May 1909, unm.; B.A. (Yale, 1903).

VI. Robert Day, b. 21 Aug. 1885; d. 5 Nov. 1930; m. 23 Oct. 1915, Dorothy Galt, dau. of Hugh Allen and Annie (Alexander). He was graduated from Carnegie Tech., 1908; in 1918 was commissioned Lieut. (junior grade), U. S. Naval Reserve Flying Corps; was later in business at Zanesville, Ohio; buried in Akron, Ohio. Children:

(1) Hugh Galt[10], b. 25 Aug. 1916.
(2) Robert Day, b. 10 Jan. 1919.

302. iii. Thomas Day, b. 1 Apr. 1848.

iv. Harriet, b. 27 Mar. 1856; d. young.

Charles[8] Seymour (1843-1913) was born in Hudson, Ohio. His youthful surroundings aroused in him contradictory impulses: admiration for the intellectual culture and stern virtues of the New England atmosphere of the Western Reserve and an impatience with what he regarded as its self-satisfied provincialism. At an early age he felt the temptations of adventure and the desire for the contacts of a larger world. Nevertheless he stayed in Hudson to complete his college course, from which he graduated in 1864. He was a fine scholar, distinguished for his excellent bass voice, and a member of Alpha Delta Phi. After graduation he set forth at once to build a career in a new section, going to Knoxville, Tenn., then a small town on the edge of a frontier. There he set himself up in a law office and within a few years disposed of the largest practice in the region relating to real estate developments and large land holdings.

Seymour perceived early the wealth of the Tennessee mountains in forests and water power and was one of the first to organize companies for their development. He represented large interests, several

of the most important being English, and most of them outside of the state. He was thus brought into personal contact with all parts of the United States and with England, which he visited generally twice a year. He was urged to run for political office and on two occasions was offered a position on the State Bench, but always refused. In Knoxville, where he kept his office until his death, he was regarded as the Nestor of the community and exercised almost unlimited personal influence.

His personality was vivid. He had uncompromising views on politics, morality, and manners, and never hesitated to express them. He had the purity of intent of Colonel Newcome and the regard for worldly conventions of Major Pendennis. His criticism was sharp and he was chary of praise. He evoked fear from those who did not know him well, but the deepest affection from those close to him. He was a "man of the world," an excellent judge of a cigar and of whiskey, loved to meet new persons, despised physical or moral cowardice. His generosity, covered often by extreme brusqueness of manner, was unbounded.

In 1889 he was in a disastrous train wreck in Tennessee, was badly smashed up, and lamed for life. He rose against the handicap, learned to play golf and continued his active mode of living. For a decade he was subject to heart attacks which he concealed from all his friends; and he died in 1913 after a short illness.

Sarah Day[8] (Seymour) Parsons (1845-1934) was a woman of remarkable intellectual endowment, and we are indebted to a daughter for the following sketch:

In recalling the early days in the Hudson home, my mother wrote: "Father [Nathan Perkins Seymour] would stand us three children in front of him and sing with us, 'To receive power,—and riches,—and wisdom,' to the climax 'and blessing'—continuing by himself the 'Blessing and honor,' etc., of the rolling Handel chorus." (This custom he continued in the next generation, for it is one of my earliest memories of him.) Because of his great love of music, my grandfather bought a piano and imported an English governess who kept little seven-year-old Sarah practicing three mortal hours a day; but not contented with the "Silvery Showers" standards of the governess, he threatened to have the pedals cut off if used, and as soon as possible the child was introduced to Haydn and Beethoven. This bore fruit later on, when she played her children to sleep with Beethoven sonatas—the only time the busy mother had for her music.

Being a girl, little attention was paid to her mental diet, and it was considered a joke when she was discovered reading Virgil; but her scholastic aptitude was such that, thirty years later, to help me make up missed lessons, she picked up the Aeneid and read page after page at sight, without an error! To the end of her long life, she relished problems, whether in mathematics or chess, and to the inherited love of the great in music and literature she added an intense interest in painting.

In the hustling manufacturing city of Akron, Ohio, she was a moving spirit in rousing a desire for beauty and knowledge; founded clubs; introduced good pictures into the public schools; and was president of the Womens Council of the city. She left a lasting imprint as an influence for the finest things of life. H. D. P.

William Edward[9] Parsons, son of William Cheney and Sarah Day (Seymour) Parsons was born in Akron, Ohio, June 19, 1872. He attended school at Western Reserve Academy, Hudson, Ohio, Bingham School in North Carolina and Norwich Free Academy, and graduated from Yale College (Phi Beta Kappa) with the Class of 1895. He studied Architecture at Columbia University, receiving degree of B.S. in 1898 and entered the Ecole des Beaux Arts, Paris, in the fall of that year, studying under Victor Laloux until July 1901. In 1899 he was awarded the McKim Traveling Fellowship in Architecture. On returning from Paris he entered the office of John Galen Howard, Architect, New York. On being appointed Consulting Architect of the U. S. Government in the Philippine Islands, he left New York and went to the Islands in November, 1905, where he remained nine years. While there, he designed a great variety of public and semi-public buildings in Manila and in the provinces, including Court Houses, schools, hospitals, markets, prisons and parks; also the Manila Hotel, Philippine General Hospital, Manila Club, University of the Philippines. In the tropics he introduced the use of reinforced concrete for permanent buildings at a time when that material had barely come into use in the United States. While his designs generally followed the classic tradition, the use of concrete gave his work a modern expression in advance of the movement toward modernism of today. He planned the restoration of the old City Walls and Moats of Manila as public parks and playgrounds and established standards of public architecture which

have been and are being generally followed. W. Cameron Forbes, Governor General, says in "The Philippine Islands":

> Mr. Parsons brought to the Islands a fine sense of proportion, thorough training and unusual industry. He designed and secured the adoption of his plans for the construction of many beautiful buildings, all of which were in excellent taste. The Architecture of his time will stand as a permanent monument to the American Administration in the Islands. His lines were always simple, proportions harmonious, colors agreeable, and the useful purposes to which his plans were to be put were never lost sight of in mere architectural beauty.

He was charged with the interpretation of the Burnham Plans for Manila and Baguio, extensive development of both cities having been achieved during his stay in the Islands. Says Charles Moore in his book, "Daniel H. Burnham":

> Within three days after the plan of Manila was approved, work was begun. Happily, the task of construction was entrusted to William E. Parsons, a young American architect, who had eight years of continuous service before a policy of retrogression in the Philippines caused his resignation. At the time of his appointment, in November 1905, Mr. Parsons had but recently received a diploma from the Ecole des Beaux Arts and had entered upon private practice in New York City. Under the terms of his agreement with Commissioner W. Cameron Forbes, Mr. Parsons had general architectural supervision over the design of all public buildings and parks throughout the Islands. Thus he became the interpreter and executant of the Burnham-Anderson plans; and he also did private work. It is not possible to praise too highly the fidelity with which Mr. Parsons carried out the spirit of the plans, the judiciousness of the modifications he made in them, the simplicity, directness, and good taste which characterize the many and varied buildings he designed, the ability with which he solved problems both old and new, and the judgment he displayed in all his dealings with both officials and people.

Mr. Parsons resigned in 1914 and associated in practice with E. H. Bennett in Chicago and since 1922 has been a member of the firm of Bennett, Parsons and Frost, Architects, planners of Civic improvements in Chicago and other cities including St. Paul, Phoenix, Palm Beach and Pasadena, the last named comprising a group of public buildings at the City Center. In 1918 he planned Camp Knox in Kentucky. He was Consulting Architect for Puerto Rico in 1924-26, making several trips there, planning the Ocean Boulevard and Rivera Park in San Juan, and making a general plan of extension for the University of Puerto Rico.

Mr. Parsons designed the New Botanic Gardens and Conservatory and the Enlargement of the Capitol Grounds in Washington by extending the grounds from the Capitol to the Union Station. This

project covered an area of twelve city blocks, involving the razing of many old buildings, the location of a new avenue (Louisiana) connecting the Union Station Plaza with Pennsylvania Avenue, the relocation of street car lines, and the construction of the great terrace and fountain, beneath which a large garage for Members of Congress was built.

He served from 1929 to 1937 as Advisory Architect for the Federal Commission for the George Rogers Clark Memorial on the site of Fort Sackville in Vincennes, Indiana. He was responsible for the general plan of the grounds with streets and approaches, the placing of the Memorial structure and statues of Vigo and Father Gibault. The Memorial, now a national monument of first historic importance, stands on the banks of the Wabash River covering an area of twenty-five acres, within which is preserved the old Catholic Cathedral. The river wall and the bridge approaches also were built from his designs.

Dr. Charles Moore, Chairman of the Commission of Fine Arts, says in "Personalities in Washington Architecture," 1937—"The Fine Arts Commission recommended Mr. Parsons first to Governor Towner to plan the government buildings at Puerto Rico, then to the Indiana Commission on the rejuvenation of Vincennes in connection with the George Rogers Clark Memorial, and finally to the Committees of Congress, charged with the removal of the Botanic Gardens and the extension of the Capitol grounds. The completion of these plans marks a fine record of progressive achievement on Mr. Parsons' part."

The William Wrigley Memorial, Santa Catalina Island, California, was executed from Mr. Parsons' designs, and the Apex Building in Washington is among the later projects of his firm.

In 1938 Mr. Parsons received an appointment as Associate Professor of Architecture in the Yale School of Fine Arts, where he will teach in particular city and regional planning.

238. CHESTER[7] SEYMOUR (*Asa*[6], *Daniel*[5], *Daniel*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), a mason, born at Hartford, Conn., 10 Jan. 1793, died there 9 Nov. 1832; married at Canton, Conn., 18 June 1820, FLORA[9] MATHER, born at Hartford, 18 Aug. 1796, died there 12 June 1838, daughter of Eli[8] (*Elihu*[7], *Richard*[6], *Atherton*[5], *Timothy*[4], *Richard*[3], *Thomas*[2], *John*[1]) and Sarah (Loomis). She married second, 13 Feb. 1834, William Andrews of Coventry, Conn.; and third, 3 Jan. 1838, Marvin Bailey of Hartford.

Children:*

i. Asa Franklin[8], b. 3 Apr. 1821; res. Monroeville, Ala.; m. (1) 2 Apr. 1848, Mary Ann Robinson, b. in Edgefield District, S. C., 6 June 1827, d. 23 Feb. 1869, dau. of George; m. (2) 6 July 1870, Sarah Neoma (Dailey) Gulley, b. in Monroe Co., Ala., 26 June 1838, widow of James, dau. of John and Margaret (Straughn). Children by first wife:

I. Charles Franklin[9], b. 5 Mar. 1849; d. 19 Mar. 1877; m. 9 Mar. 1870, Emma L. Pettibone.
II. George Chester, b. 12 July 1851; d. 20 Apr. 1862.
III. Stephen Richardson, b. 25 Sept. 1854; d. 22 Jan. 1870.
IV. Mary Jane, b. 20 Oct. 1862; d. 3 Mar. 1863.
V. William Albert, b. 3 Jan. 1865.

Children by second wife:

VI. Chester Asa Franklin, b. 11 Mar. 1874.
VII. Lester Horatio, b. 7 Jan. 1877; d. 12 Jan. 1877.
VIII. Mary Margaret, b. 31 Jan. 1878.

303. ii. Chester, b. 24 Dec. 1823.

iii. Eli Denison, b. 9 May 1826; graduate of University of Medicine; from 1854 to 1856 was Superintendent of Public Schools for Putnam County, N. Y.; settled as a physician and surgeon in Calais, Me., where he died; Examining Surgeon in the Civil War; member of the Calais Board of Health from 1877; m. (1) 8 Nov. 1852, Frances Archer, b. at Yarmouth, N. S., 25 Dec. 1828, d. 13 July 1858, dau. of Joseph; m. (2) 5 Nov. 1861, Annie Knight, b. at St. George, N. B., 11 Nov. 1833, dau. of Isaac and Mary (Carmichael). Children by first wife:

I. Albert William[9], b. 27 Mar. 1854.
II. Orlando Dawson, b. 5 Dec. 1855; d. 16 Sept. 1856.
III. Eleanor Florilla, b. 27 Mar. 1857.
IV. Frances Denison, b. 7 July 1858.

Children by second wife:

V. Isaac Knight, b. 18 Mar. 1863; U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Class of 1884.
VI. Sarah Elizabeth, b. 10 Oct. 1864; d. 11 Dec. 1870.

iv. Lester, b. 5 Jan. 1828; d. 20 Aug. 1880, unm.

304. v. George Henry, b. 9 Jan. 1830.

vi. Sarah Elizabeth, b. 2 Mar. 1832; m. 2 Apr. 1851, William Trent, of Toronto, Ontario, b. at Ycovelton, Eng., 9 Aug. 1823, d. 24 Dec. 1880, s. of Samuel and Susannah (Chant). Only child:

I. Henry Edward, b. at Evergreen, Ala., June 1853; grad. Upper Canada College.

* The first and third sons were known by their middle names.

239. ALBERT[7] SEYMOUR (*Asa*[6], *Daniel*[5], *Daniel*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 29 Apr. 1804, died 26 Nov. 1875; married first, at Hartford, 21 Dec. 1828, JERUSHA ENSIGN, who died 26 May 1843; married second, LUTHERA (PARMENTER) HOVEY, born at Springfield, Vt., 16 Aug. 1813, died at Hartford, 13 Oct. 1901, widow of Henry Hovey of Willimantic, Conn., and daughter of Noah and Lydia (Jones) Parmenter.

For over forty years he was a pattern maker for Woodruff & Beach.

Children by first wife:

i. ALBERT MELANCTHON[8], b. 15 July 1832; d. 21 Nov. 1855; m. 24 Dec. 1853, LAURA ALBRO. No children.
ii. EDWARD WILLIAM, b. 24 June 1834; d. 24 Apr. 1880; m. about 1873, MARY PURINTON. No children.
iii. JAMES HENRY, b. 30 Apr. 1836; d. 15 June 1838.
iv. SON, b. 29 Sept. 1837; d. in infancy.
v. CATHARINE ENSIGN, b. 26 Apr. 1840; d. 29 Mar. 1842.

Child by second wife:

vi. HARRIET EDNA, b. 31 Mar. 1845; m. 25 Dec. 1867, FRANKLIN MASON SEYMOUR.

240. (REV.) CHARLES NATHANIEL[7] SEYMOUR (*Charles*[6], *Charles*[5], *Daniel*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 4 Apr. 1815, died at East Hartford, 11 June 1893; married at Hartford, Conn., 9 July 1844, HENRIETTA[7] BOARDMAN, born at Hartford, Conn., 4 June 1822, died 23 Oct. 1889, daughter of Sherman[6] (*Oliver*[5], *Timothy*[4], *Timothy*[3], *Daniel*[2], *Samuel*[1]) and Henrietta (Richards), of Hartford.

Congregationalist; Republican.

Children:

i. SARAH TYLER[8], b. 6 July 1845; d. 3 Mar. 1847.
ii. SARAH TYLER, b. 20 Jan. 1847; d. 28 Feb. 1900; m. 12 Oct. 1881, ARTHUR J. MORTON.
iii. SHERMAN BOARDMAN, b. 6 Apr. 1848; d. 5 Aug. 1849.
iv. HERMAN FRANCKE, b. 3 Feb. 1850; d. 1 Mar. 1867.
v. EDWARD TYLER, b. 29 Aug. 1851; d. 20 Sept. 1851.
vi. KATE ELLEN, b. 22 Dec. 1852; d. 14 Sept. 1853.
vii. KATE ROGERS, b. 23 Aug. 1854; res. East Orange, N. J.
viii. HENRY BOARDMAN (twin), b. 16 Feb. 1856; d. 21 Mar. 1856.
ix. FANNY CHANDLER (twin), b. 16 Feb. 1856; d. 12 Aug. 1856.

x. Alfred Boardman, b. 27 Mar. 1859; m. 12 Dec. 1889, Myrah Eaton, b. 7 Mar. 1869. He was treasurer of the National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford; Protestant; Republican. Child:

I. Marlor Boardman[9], b. 21 May 1892; served in the World War as First Lieutenant.

241. (Chief Justice) Origen Storrs[7] Seymour (*Ozias*[6], *Moses*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Litchfield, Conn., 9 Feb. 1804, died there 12 Aug. 1881; married at Litchfield, Conn., 5 Oct. 1830, Lucy Morris[7] Woodruff, born at Litchfield 1 July 1807, died there 20 Oct. 1894, daughter of Morris[6] (*James*[5], *Jacob*[4], *Nathaniel*[3], *Matthew*[2], *Matthew*[1]) and Candace (Catlin).

He graduated from Yale College in 1824 and was admitted to the bar in 1826. He began immediately to practice in Litchfield and continued for more than half a century. He was a Democrat in politics and active in public affairs. He was elected to various town offices and often represented the town in the general assembly, of which he was speaker in 1850. He was elected to Congress in 1851 and re-elected in 1853. In 1855 he was elected one of the judges of the superior court and was on the bench for eight years. In 1864-65 he was the Democratic nominee for governor of the state. In 1870 he was elected judge of the supreme court of errors of the state of Connecticut, and in 1873 became chief justice, an office he filled until he retired in 1874, upon reaching the constitutional age limit. Much of the time after his retirement he was employed as referee in important cases. In 1876 he was chairman of the committee that settled the long-standing boundary dispute between Connecticut and New York. The new code practice, adopted by the legislature in 1879, was prepared by a commission over which he presided. In the last year of his life he was elected unanimously to the legislature from his native town, a significant tribute of the respect and honor in which he was held in his town by citizens of different political belief. He received the honorary degree of LL.D. from Trinity College in 1866 and from Yale College in 1873. The series of brilliant lectures delivered by him before the Yale Law School and members of the New Haven bar in advocacy of the adoption of the revised civil practice had much to do with its final adoption.

"Born of a family distinguished both in law and politics, Judge Seymour was one of its most brilliant scions. In religion he was an Episcopalian, being a devout and devoted churchman. While Judge Seymour was prominent in all the walks of life, whether in church affairs, politically or socially, he will be chiefly remembered as a great lawyer and a good man. By his qualities of mind and training he was specially fitted to ornament the bar. His intellect was clear and cloudless; he grasped the salient points of a controversy with remarkable ease and quickness; in statement he was luminous, perspicacious and strong. His style of oratory was simple, unornamental, but pellucid and most convincing. Those who heard him argue a case were convinced, in spite of themselves, that Judge Seymour reasoned from internal conviction of the truth of his cause and they felt that the argument flowed from his intellect as a logical sequence of established facts. Hence he was, while unrhetorical, a most persuasive speaker. By his death the Bar of the State loses its brightest luminary, his party an able and effective advocate, the church a pious and noble member, and society one who was amiable, gentle and affectionate, and who loved mankind because he recognized in them something akin to divinity. Viewed in every aspect his death must be regarded as a public calamity. That he will rest in peace needs no assurance. With such a noble life, such lofty aspirations, such a pure purpose and with such noble fulfillments of the promises of his early manhood, he leaves behind him a record which, while it is to the honor and glory of his family, is also a delight and blessing to the public. Judge Seymour was a good and great man. He needs no further eulogy."

GOLDEN WEDDING

By Mrs. M. S. Hollister

A copy of the Litchfield *Enquirer* of 1830, edited by Mr. Henry Adams, has the following marriage notice:

In this town (South Farms Society), on Tuesday morning, Oct. 5th, by the Rev. L. P. Hickok, Origen S. Seymour, Esq., to Lucy M. Woodruff, daughter of Gen. Morris Woodruff.

The fiftieth anniversary of this wedded pair brought them to another Tuesday morning, October 5th, 1880. In honor of the occasion the flag was hoisted from the village staff in the park by Dr. Sheldon, of New York; and fifty banners were hung out by Mr. Starr, of Echo Farm, from his house and other buildings. At 9 o'clock A. M. a service was held at St. Michael's church, by Rev. Storrs O. Seymour, rector. This service began with the 426th hymn—

"When all thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys."

The hymn was led vocally by the rector's wife, supported by himself, Mr. Edward W. Seymour and wife, and Mr. Morris W. Seymour. We recalled another voice so wonted to us it seemed as if Maria Seymour must be singing with her brothers, till we looked at the memorial window lit by

autumn sunshine and flowers. The ante and full communion service followed. The celebrants were the rector and Rev. Gouveneur M. Wilkins. All present partook of the sacrament, Judge Seymour, his family and relatives going first to the altar, followed by some village friends and guests from abroad. Among the latter were Mr. John Hooker, and his wife, Mrs. Isabella Beecher Hooker, and Captain and Mrs. Roath, from Norwich. Mr. and Mrs. George C. Woodruff, brother and sister of our bridegroom and bride, who celebrated their golden wedding last autumn, were the only persons in the church who witnessed the original ceremony. This number was increased at the reception by the presence of Miss Delia Seymour and Mr. Samuel M. Ensign. Dr. Hickok, still vigorous at 82, could not come, neither could Mr. William Mason, Mrs. Alva Clark and Dr. Miner, who were present in 1830.

Many aged people came to offer congratulations. One of these was Mr. Charles Seymour, a son of Captain Samuel Seymour, 87 years old, now a resident of Michigan, who was born in our rectory, and who yesterday morning went into the garret of the old house to look for a fishing-rod that he had hid away there forty-five years ago, and felt disappointed because he could not find it. Mr. Charles Seymour is ten days older than our hale fellow townsman, Mr. Tomlinson Wells. Mrs. John Phelps, aged ninety-two, sat up as straight and talked as cheerily as if she were in her teens. Mr. Myron Osborn was as brisk as ever. Gen. Hemingway, with his snow-white hair, and Mr. Stephen Trowbridge, a reproduction of Dr. Lyman Beecher's deacon, were looking down upon such young persons as Frederick Gibbs, Thomas Saltonstall, Lemuel O. Meafoy, Charles Adams, William Seymour, and John Bissell, who were only about seventy-five years old.

Among the letters advertised at the Litchfield post-office, October 5, 1830, was one addressed to Mr. Sylvester Spencer, former proprietor of the Mansion House. We wonder if he ever got it. If Mr. Charles Seymour, who was then postmaster, has retained this letter, we think it high time he delivered it. We were sorry not to see Mr. Spencer's white head and venerable figure in the group of octogenarians. Of the distinguished guests were Governor Horatio Seymour, of Utica, a first cousin of Judge Seymour, with his wife, and Mrs. Brandegee, widow of Rev. Dr. Brandegee, our former rector, whose memory is still tenderly associated with many of our loved ones who so loved him; Governors English, Ingersoll, Andrews, and Averill; the Honorables Colin M. Ingersoll, Henry C. Robinson, William Hamersley, G. F. Davis, William K. Seeley, Zalmon A. Storrs, Moses Mc. Seymour, Abijah Catlin; Judge Loomis, of the Supreme Court of Errors, and Judges Beardsley and Sanford, of the Superior Court; Senator Lyman W. Coe and wife, Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon, of New York, and Mrs. Sanford, widow of late Judge David C. Sanford, of our Supreme Court, were also present. Many clergymen called: Rev. Dr. Maxcy, of St. John's, Bridgeport; Revs. Willis Colton, Harrison, Eastman, Peck, Stone, and McLean. Many regrets were expressed that Bishop Williams was necessarily absent. The morning was threatening, but before three o'clock, the reception hour, the clouds lifted and the afternoon and evening were truly golden. Four rooms were thrown open and decorated with exquisite flowers. The Franklin stove, a hundred years old, in the south parlor, with its glowing hickory coals, received much notice. The mantels and arches were aglow with crimson and gold. Choicest roses and rare

orchids stood in beautiful vases on the piano and tables, lighting up the old family portraits. The staircases were lined with tube-roses. These floral decorations recall to mind that marvellous flower picture in "In Memoriam":

> "Bring orchids, bring the foxglove spire,
> The little speedwell's darling blue,
> Deep tulips dash'd with fiery dew,
> Laburnums dropping-wells of fire."

In the rear of the house the trees were having a golden wedding. On the terrace an evergreen was draped with woodbine, festooning and swaying itself far above the piazza, so intensely scarlet in the yellow sunshine under the blue sky that no artist but nature would have attempted it. The refreshment table under the care of Redcliff of New Haven was elegant and bountiful enough to supply the wants of the guests, more than five hundred in number. Fruits, flowers, and china helped to make it attractive. The bride's loaf on a side table was surrounded with orchids and rare vines. From three o'clock until nine, there was a succession of guests in handsome carriages and on foot. After lamplight, the silks, velvets, and flashing diamonds gave additional lustre to the flower-coloring of the rooms. The bridegroom and bride received their company with their usual kindly simplicity; everybody was made welcome and well served. It must have been gratifying to our distinguished chief judge and his wife to see how their neighbors flocked to them, and how heartily they shook hands with them. The absence of stereotyped phrases and commonplace congratulations must have been grateful to them, many a full heart there expressed through the eye the unspoken tribute of esteem and affection; and many a prayer was breathed that we may long continue to look upon the dear old faces before they shall be taken from us.—[From Litchfield *Enquirer*, Oct. 12th, 1880.]

LITCHFIELD

Litchfield never has witnessed a grander social event than that which took place Tuesday evening, the reception given by ex-Chief Justice Origen S. Seymour and wife, in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. The hours of reception were from 3 to 9 P. M., and a general invitation was extended to all their friends in Litchfield, while cards of invitation were sent to many friends and relatives in different parts of the state and country. The floral decorations were magnificent; deft and tasty fingers had festooned the walls and paintings with autumn leaves of brightest hue, together with vines and flowers. The friends were requested not to bring presents, but many of them expressed their kindest wishes in floral offerings which were beautiful beyond description. Every available nook and corner was filled with the choicest flowers. It were well-nigh impossible to describe the different bouquets, wreaths, etc., but mention should be made of one large vase of orchids, presented by a lady from New York. It seemed as if nearly every "genus" and species of the orchid family were represented, and that one had been suddenly carried away and placed in some tropical conservatory. A bountiful collation was spread, of which all were cordially invited to partake. Many notable persons were present. Among them were ex-Governor Horatio

Seymour of New York, a cousin of the Judge; ex-Governor English, the present Democratic candidate for Governor; Governor Charles B. Andrews, ex-Governor Ingersoll, and Hon. Colin M. Ingersoll of New Haven, ex-Lieutenant Governor Averill, of Danbury, Judges Loomis, Sanford, and Beardsley, of the Supreme Court, the Hon. Henry C. Robinson, of Hartford, the Hon. Simeon E. Baldwin, of New Haven, and many others who are well known, not only in Connecticut, but throughout the country. Two cousins of the Judge were present, one from Michigan, who is eighty-eight years old, and the other from Western New York about eighty years of age. Both had come from the west to unite with their friends in the east in paying their respects and homage to their distinguished cousin. The same old house which welcomed the Judge and his bride fifty years ago again opened wide its portals to the vast throngs who came to congratulate him and his wife on their golden anniversary. It was golden in more senses than one. Judge Seymour's life, whether in public or in private, has been pure, without stain, and above reproach. The breath of calumny and suspicion has never touched him. The name of Origen S. Seymour has become a synonym for all that is pure and honest in a public and professional life. None know him but to honor him, and it was the farewell prayer of every one of that brilliant assemblage that many years of happy wedded life may yet be spared to the Judge and his estimable wife.—[From Hartford *Courant* of Oct. 7th, 1880.]

Children, born at Litchfield:

i. Edward Woodruff[8], b. 30 Aug. 1832; d. 16 Oct. 1892; m. 12 May 1864, Mary Floyd Tallmadge, b. in New York City, 26 May 1831, d. at Litchfield, 21 May 1917, dau. of Frederick Augustus and Elizabeth Hannah (Canfield). No children.

ii. Storrs Ozias, b. 24 Jan. 1836; d. 8 Sept. 1918; m. at Litchfield, 20 June 1861, Mary Harrison Browne, b. at Oxford, Conn., 7 Sept. 1835. Child, born at Norwich:

I. Edward Woodruff[9], b. 11 Apr. 1874.

iii. Maria, b. 27 Oct. 1838; d. 11 Sept. 1878.

iv. Morris Woodruff, b. 6 Oct. 1842; d. 27 Oct. 1920; m. 15 Sept. 1869, Charlotte Tyler Sanford, b. 16 June 1844, d. at Litchfield, 2 June 1938 ae. 94, dau. of William Elihu and Margaret Louisa (Craney). Child:

I. Origen Storrs[9], b. 19 Apr. 1872; m. at Lawrence, L. I., 25 Oct. 1899, Frances Bolton Lord, dau. of Daniel and Silvia Livingston (Bolton). Children:

(1) Silvia Lord[10], b. 4 Oct. 1900; m. June 1922, Darnall Wallace; divorced. Child:
A. Silvie Seymour[11], b. 26 Jan. 1925.
(2) Lucy Morris, b. 28 May 1903; d. 31 May 1903.
(3) Morris Woodruff, b. 18 June 1905; d. 21 Jan. 1931.
(4) Frances Lord, b. 11 Dec. 1908; m. (1) 14 Sept. 1929, Donald M. Beals; divorced; m. (2) 21 June 1937, Miles H. Vernon.
(5) Charlotte Sanford, b. 9 July 1911; d. 26 Mar. 1917.

Hon. Edward Woodruff[8] Seymour (1832-1892) was prepared for college in the Classical School of Simeon and Edward L. Hart, Farmington, Connecticut, and entered Yale College from which he was graduated with the degree of A.B. in the class of 1853. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in Litchfield county in 1856 and practiced in his native town until 1875 when he removed to Bridgeport, Connecticut, and associated himself in partnership with his younger brother, Morris W. Seymour, continuing thus until he was appointed a judge of the supreme court of errors of the state. He was for several years judge of probate in the Litchfield district. He represented Litchfield in the general assembly of Connecticut in 1859-60-70-71, was a state senator in 1876, and Congressman, two terms, 4 Mar. 1883 to 3 Mar. 1887. He was a lay delegate from the diocese of Connecticut in the general convention of the Protestant Episcopal church.

"As a lawyer he was thorough, quick in perception, sound in reflection, pleasing and effective in speech. He prepared his cases conscientiously. His knowledge of men, his quick wit, his rare apprehension of humor and humorous things, his abounding good judgment, his intellectual alacrity in emergencies, and his courage in a crisis gave him a fine outfit for practice. He cross-examined a witness always with skill, and sometimes with genius. But no temptation to score a point ever led him into the petty tyranny of abusing a witness. He wore the golden rule on his heart and remembered that the man in the witness box was a brother. As a Judge, without being hortatory, he warmed his opinions with wholesome morals. Such ethics, for instance, as we find in the opinion of Coupland vs. Housatonic Railroad Company, in the Sixty-first Connecticut, make good reading. His career as a lawyer and judge strengthens our attachment to our profession which he adorned. Judge Seymour is mourned by the Bar and by the bench of the state with a common and tender grief. Years of closest intimacy bound many manly hearts to him with a love which may not be told, but which must be undying. His grave is the tomb of hope and promise and of a life broken when it was strongest. He was buried in the afternoon of a gentle October day, when the sun shone through the clouds and brightened the gold and scarlet and crimson of fading nature, and he was buried in love."

The foregoing extract is from the pen of Henry C. Robinson. Judge Augustus H. Fenn said of Judge Seymour at the time of his death:

"Yesterday morning, at Litchfield, there passed from week-day toil into Sunday rest, from work so consecrated that it was worship, into eternal peace —as pure a soul, and as gentle, as ever parted from earth to enter heaven. One who speaks from a torn heart because he loved him living and loves him dead; one who met him in delightful social intercourse four days last week

(the last time on Friday) in seeming health, full of life and its interests, and to whom the telegram announcing his sudden death came with shocking agony, can neither be silent nor speak with a calm, dispassionate utterance in such an hour. Edward W. Seymour lies dead at the age of sixty, in the town in which he was born and on the street where he has always lived. The oldest son of the late Chief Justice, Origen S. Seymour, he inherited the rare judicial temperament, the calm, candid, impartial judgment, the love of mercy-tempered justice, so essentially characteristic of his father. Educated at Yale College, graduate of the famous class of 1853, studying law in his father's office, entering into partnership with him, early and frequently called to represent his town, and later his senatorial district in the general assembly, a useful member of congress for four years, having in the meantime, by devotion to his profession, as well as by natural ability, become the acknowledged leader of the bar in the two counties of Litchfield and Fairfield; certainly it was the principle of natural selection which three years ago led to his choice as a member of our highest judicial tribunal—the Supreme Court of Errors of this state. While of his services upon that court, this is neither the time nor place to speak with fulness, it has been the privilege of the writer to know them somewhat thoroughly, and because of such knowledge he can the more truly bear witness to the rare spirit of fidelity to duty, to justice, to law, as a living, pervading and beneficent rule of action, with which, whether upon the bench listening to and weighing the arguments and contentions of counsel, in private study, in the consultation room, or in the written opinions of the court, which bear his name, the high duties of that great office have been sacredly discharged."

When Judge Seymour died, Governor Richard D. Hubbard, in a public address, declared:

"I think we can all say in very truth, and soberness and with nothing of extravagance in eulogy, that we have just lost the foremost, undeniably the foremost lawyer, and take him for all in all, the noblest citizen of our state. If it be too much to say of a son, whose years were almost a score less than those of the father, surely it is not too much to affirm that never did son tread more worthily in the footsteps of an honored parent, and never did untimely death break truer promise than this which has deprived our state of those years of ripened usefulness, which would have made the career of the son as fruitful in honor, and all good, and good to all, as that of the sire. But God knows best, and doubtless what is, is for the best. Certainly to him who lies crowned with the beatitude of Christ, upon the pure in heart, it is well."

Mrs. Seymour was daughter of Recorder Frederick A. Tallmadge, and granddaughter of Col. Benjamin Tallmadge of Revolutionary War fame. She was Regent of the Mary Floyd Tallmadge Chapter, D. A. R., named like herself after her grandmother.

When a guest in the lost years of Mr. and Mrs. Morris W. Seymour in the stately old homestead of Chief-Justice Seymour in Litchfield with its treasures of portraits and heirlooms, I called upon Mrs. Edward Seymour, living near by. To my mind this Litchfield lady of the *haute noblesse* was almost an historic character because she was a granddaughter of Colonel Benjamin Tallmadge, a Yale classmate, correspondent, and friend of Nathan Hale, and one of the principle figures in the drama of the capture and execution of Major John André. Mrs. Seymour received me in a spacious parlor fairly dominated with huge portraits by Ralph Earl of Colonel Tallmadge and his wife. (I had already become much interested in Earl, the painter, but had little idea at that time that I should ever erect a monument* to his memory.) Mrs. Seymour knew that I had once lived in Washington and was a frequent visitor there, and she entertained me with delightful reminiscences of Washington which she had seen when taken there as a young girl by her father, who was a Member of Congress. She told me of attending a reception given by

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*The inscription on this monument, which stands in the Old Cemetery at Bolton, Conn., reads as follows:

IN MEMORY OF RALPH EARL

One of the foremost portrait painters in
America of his time born at Shrewsbury
Massachusetts May 11th 1751 he studied in
London under his countryman Benjamin West
was an exhibitor in the Royal Academy
and upon returning to his native country
in 1786 painted chiefly in Connecticut
his portraits of American patriots include
three Signers of the Declaration of Independence Roger Sherman – Governor Oliver
Wolcott Sr. and William Floyd and those
of Chief Justice Oliver Ellsworth – General
Baron von Steuben – Colonel Samuel Talcott –
Colonel Benjamin Tallmadge – Major Moses
Seymour and honorable George Wyllys
his death here in Bolton August 16th 1801
was recorded by the Rev. George Colton
1736-1812 and he was presumably
buried here in an unmarked grave

Erected by a Connecticut Antiquary
in the Tercentenary year 1935

At the dedication of the monument, the author's friend Professor Theodore Sizer of the Yale School of Fine Arts presented a scholarly paper on the life story of Ralph Earl. Afterwards the author was host at a dinner in the "Samovar" in Coventry.

Dolly Madison who after her retirement from the White House lived in a mansion which is now occupied by the Cosmos Club of which I was a member and where I always put up when I went to Washington. She remembered Mrs. Madison in a black velvet gown and a turban and carrying, in place of flowers, a spray of evergreen. Mrs. Seymour asked me if I knew why Mrs. Madison carried a spray of evergreen instead of flowers. I told her that I supposed that it was a part of the classic revival.

Mrs. Seymour went to Washington with her father when he was elected to Congress, and had very entertaining accounts of her journey there and the people she met, for her father wished to widen her interests in society and public affairs. She bore her grandmother's name, Mary Floyd, whose father was none other than Col. William Floyd the Signer. With such an ancestry, Mrs. Seymour could hold her head up even on "Litchfield Hill."—*G. D. S.*

Rev. Storrs Ozias[8] Seymour, D.D. (1836-1918) prepared for college at Phillips Academy, Andover, and was graduated with high honors from Yale College, 1857. He then studied for fourteen months in Germany, a part of the time being with Dr. Timothy Dwight, afterwards president of Yale University. He studied theology at the Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, and was ordained a deacon at Middletown, 22 May 1861. He took charge of St. Peter's Church, Milford, that same month. He was ordained a priest in St. Paul's Church, New Haven, 15 Apr. 1862. His second parish was in Bethel, where he was rector of St. Thomas' Church from July 1864 to Nov. 1867. For over six years, from Jan. 1868 to Nov. 1874, Dr. Seymour was rector of Trinity Church, Pawtucket, R. I. There, he was a member of the standing committee of that diocese, and deputy to the general conventions of 1872 and 1874.

In Nov. 1874, he accepted a call to the famous old Trinity Church in Norwich, where he remained until Apr. 1879, when he was called to his native town to become rector of St. Michael's. He remained in Litchfield until Oct. 1883, when he accepted a call to Trinity Church, Hartford. During the ten years of his incumbency there, he was an active force for good in the affairs of the capital city, and was prominent in its social life. He gave up the big Hartford parish in 1893 to accept again the rectorship of St. Michael's, Litchfield, motivated largely by his wish to be with his mother in her latter years. He remained rector here until he resigned in 1916, after reaching his eightieth year, and was made Rector Emeritus.

He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Trinity College

in 1897. He was appointed a member of the State Board of Education in 1879, and served for three years. He served on the Public Library Committee for ten years. He was deputy from Connecticut to the general conventions of 1901, 1904, and 1907. He was a trustee of Berkeley Divinity School; recording secretary of the Society for the Increase of the Ministry of the Protestant Church; a member of the standing committee of the Diocese since 1876, and chairman much of the time; president of the Litchfield Historical Society and of the local library.

Dr. Seymour was greatly beloved as a man—for his human qualities—as well as for his ministrations as a clergyman. He combined intellectual ability and interests with a beautiful, simple faith, and unselfish devotion to duty.

His wife, Mary Harrison Seymour, was an author who made many contributions to periodicals, chiefly for children, and published "Mollie's Christmas Stocking" (New York, 1865); "Sunshine and Starlight" (Boston, 1868; London, 1879); "Posy Vinton's Picnic" (Boston, 1869); "Ned, Nellie, and Amy" (1870); "Recompense" (New York, 1877); "Every Day" (1877; republished as "A Year of Promise, Praise, and Prayer," London, 1879); and "Through the Darkness" New York, 1884).

Dr. Seymour and his wife celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary at the Episcopal Rectory in 1911.

Morris Woodruff[8] Seymour (1842-1920) was graduated from Yale College (A.B., 1866); Columbia Law School (LL.B., 1867). He practised in Bridgeport, Conn., from 1867, specializing in corporation and patent law. He was a lecturer in the Law Department at Yale. He was Judge of the City Court, Bridgeport, 1879-80; Corporation Counsel, 1881-82; member of the Conn. State Senate, 1881, 1882; Colonel on the staff of Governor English, 1867-69, 1870-71. He was chairman of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Reformatory at Cheshire; member of the Board of Pardons; trustee of the Conn. Industrial School, Cheshire; president of Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Conn.; chancellor of the Diocese of Connecticut; president of the Conn. Society of the Military Order of Foreign Wars, and of the Conn. Society of Colonial Wars; secretary (1895-1909) and vice-president (1909-1920), Conn. Society of the Cincinnati, and of the Conn. Historical Society. He was a member of the Yale Club (New York); Graduates' Club (New Haven); The Sanctum (Litchfield). He was a Democrat in politics,

and an Episcopalian in religious affiliation. He and his wife celebrated their Golden Wedding, 15 Sept. 1919.

His kindness speaks in the following letter, addressed to the author of the present volume:

George Dudley Seymour, Esq.,
New Haven, Connecticut.

My dear Kinsman:—

The other day when I was in New Haven, I got up early and walked around the campus, as I frequently do, and came upon your statue of Nathan Hale. I say yours advisedly, because if it were not for your wise and persistent agitation on this subject, I am certain it would never have been there, and I was immensely pleased with it. It is even better than I thought from our discussions of it. I think you are to be congratulated, the College is to be congratulated and Pratt also; and I cannot help sending you this letter of my own appreciation.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Morris W. Seymour

Mr. Seymour was pardonably proud of his Litchfield forebears; well versed in the history of the American Revolution, an active member in the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati, a great churchman and a great Democrat. More than all that, he was a generous-hearted man—a man of integrity and high character. Plato would certainly have chosen him for a citizen of his republic, and what more can be said of a man than that.

As I worked on this history among my papers the other day, word came to me of the death of Mrs. Seymour at the age of ninety-four. She was counted a beauty as a young woman; as I knew her, she was an elegant and gracious hostess—a very portrait of a lady in the old house, in black lace and pearls, surrounded by flowers.—*G. D. S.*

Origen Storrs[9] Seymour (1872-), B.A. (Yale College, 1894), became a lawyer, and is now (1936) senior member of the legal firm of Sprague, Seymour and Sprague, New York City. In 1933 he succeeded Hon. Burton Mansfield as Chancellor of the Diocese of Connecticut (Protestant Episcopal Church), a position once held by his father. He was appointed by Governor Cross in 1936, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

In 1926 he was elected secretary of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Connecticut, an office formerly held by his father.

242. Ozias[7] Seymour (*Horatio*[6], *Moses*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Middlebury, Vt., 12 Mar. 1801, died there 13 Oct. 1896; married at Middlebury, 30 Oct. 1826, Mary Louise Hagar, b. at Montreal, 27 Dec. 1808, died at Middlebury, Vt., 7 Feb. 1861[?], daughter of Jonathan and Mary Louise (Trudeau).

Children:*

i. Mary[8], b. 7 Nov. 1832; d. 6 Dec. 1877.
ii. Epaphroditus, b. Apr. 1835; d. Apr. 1864.
iii. Lucy, b. 5 Feb. 1839; m. 30 Sept. 1862, William Edgerton, who d. 3 Mar. 1886.
iv. Clara, b. 30 Nov. 1845; d. Aug. 1864.
v. Elizabeth, b. 30 Dec. 1847; unm. A nun in Convent of the Sacred Heart, St. Louis, Mo.
vi. Emma, b. 4 Jan. 1851; m. 27 Dec. 1873, Thomas Brown Brougham. No children. Mr. Brougham was partner in a legal firm with his wife's nephew, Seymour Edgerton, in New York City. They resided at Hyde Park.

243. Moses[7] Seymour (*Horatio*[6], *Moses*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Middlebury, Vt., 6 Apr. 1803, died at Lake Geneva, Wis., 15 Jan. 1889; married at Middlebury, 15 Feb. 1827, Electa Clark Larrabee, born 24 Mar. 1800, died at Lake Geneva, Wis., 27 Dec. 1884, daughter of Dr. William H. and Lovice (Callender).

He settled at Lake Geneva, Wis., in 1843.

Children:

i. Henry M.[8], b. 23 Oct. 1829; d. 21 Oct. 1833 (1883, Family Bible) at 4 years of age.
ii. Moses Horatio, b. 18 Dec. 1835; d. unm. at Lake Geneva, 25 Sept. 1878.
iii. Ozias, b. at Saratoga, N. Y., 17 Apr. 1840; d. at Lake Geneva, Wis., 19 May 1904; m. at Battle Creek, Mich., 2 Sept. 1862, Eva Maynard, b. at Alden, N. Y., 16 Jan. 1838, d. at Lake Geneva, 13 Feb. 1917, dau. of Nathan and Lucy (Roe). He engaged in the grocery business in Lake Geneva, and for 35 years was local agent for the American Express Company. Children:

I. Emma Maynard[9], b. 14 May 1865; m. at Lake Geneva, 5 Jan. 1887, William Henry Hammersly, b. at Lake Geneva, 4 Apr. 1864, s. of William Henry and Elizabeth (Smith).

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* Probably thirteen children in all.

II. Henry Ozias, b. 1 Mar. 1874; m. at Manistee, Mich., 11 Oct. 1904, Edna Leona Russell, b. at Manistee, 7 May 1876, dau. of Perry and Ella Jane (Tomlinson). He was manager of the Wisconsin Telephone Co., Milwaukee, Wis., and vice-president of the First National Bank, Milwaukee. Children:

(1) Russell Wente[10], b. 16 Oct. 1906.
(2) Richard Maynard, b. 25 Nov. 1908.

244. Gov. Horatio[7] Seymour (*Henry*[6], *Moses*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2] *Richard*[1]), born at Pompey Hill, N. Y., 31 May 1810, died at Utica, N. Y., 12 Feb. 1886; married 31 May 1835, Mary Bleecker, born at Albany, N. Y., 12 Apr. 1812, died at Utica, N. Y., 8 Mar. 1886, daughter of John Rutger and Hester (Barley), of Albany. No children.

He attended school in his native village until he was ten years of age, when he was sent to Oxford Academy. In the spring of 1824 he entered Geneva academy (now Hobart college), and remained there a year, going thence to Partridge's Military Institute at Middletown, Conn. He studied law with Greene C. Bronson and Samuel Beardsley, and was admitted to the bar in 1832, but he never practised his profession, the care of the property he had inherited taking up much of his time. He became military secretary of Gov. William L. Marcy in 1833, and held the place until 1839. In 1841 he was elected to the state assembly as a Democrat, and in 1842 was elected mayor of Utica by a majority of 130 over Spencer Kellogg, the Whig candidate. In 1843 he was renominated, but was beaten by Frederick Hollister by sixteen votes. In the autumn of the same year he was elected again to the assembly, and in the session that began in 1844 he distinguished himself among men like John A. Dix, Sanford E. Church, and Michael Hoffman. He was chairman of the committee on canals, and presented an elaborate report, which was the basis of the canal policy of the state for many years. He advocated the employment of the surplus revenue to enlarge the locks of the Erie canal and proceed with the construction of the Black river and Genesee valley canals, and he showed thorough confidence in the development of trade with the west. He was once more elected to the assembly in the autumn of 1844, and was chosen speaker in the legislature of 1845. In 1850 he became the candidate of the Democratic party for governor, as a man acceptable to all its factions;

but he was defeated by the Whig candidate, Washington Hunt, by a majority of 262, though Sanford E. Church, his associate on the Democratic ticket, was elected lieutenant-governor. In 1852 he was a delegate to the Democratic national convention at Baltimore, and did all in his power to have the vote of the New York delegation cast wholly for William L. Marcy, but failed. The same year he was again nominated as the Democratic candidate for governor, and was elected by a majority of 22,596 over his former competitor, Washington Hunt. During his term there was a strong temperance movement in the state, and the legislature passed a prohibitory law, which Gov. Seymour vetoed, declaring its provisions to be unconstitutional, and denying its good policy. In 1854 he was renominated for the governorship, and received 156,495 votes, to 156,804 cast for Myron H. Clark, the Whig and temperance candidate, 122,282 for Daniel Ullman, the "Know-Nothing" candidate, and 33,500 for Greene C. Bronson, the candidate of the "Hard-shell" Democrats. The vetoed law was again passed by the legislature, approved by Gov. Clark, and afterwards declared unconstitutional by the court of appeals. In 1856 Mr. Seymour was a delegate to the Democratic national convention at Cincinnati, and he supported the Democratic candidates, Buchanan and Breckinridge, actively in the presidential canvass of that year. In a speech delivered at Springfield, Mass., 4 July 1856, he set forth the political principles that he had previously followed and afterward adhered to. It gives the key to his whole political career. He argued against centralization and for local authority: "That government is most wise which is in the hands of those best informed about the particular questions on which they legislate, most economical and honest when controlled by those most interested in preserving frugality and virtue, most strong when it only exercises authority which is beneficial to the governed." He argued against the attempt to reform by legislative restraint, instancing a prison as a type of society perfectly regulated and yet vicious. He argued for a liberal policy in regard to immigration, saying that it was bringing acquisitions of power, peacefully and easily, such as no conqueror had ever won in war; but he did not deny the right of the people of this country to regulate immigration or even to forbid it altogether, which he asserted many years afterward in regard to the importation of Chinese. He argued that the growth of the north was so much more rapid than that of the south that political supremacy had passed into the hands of the free states. He argued

for the right of the people of the territories to settle the slavery question for themselves, assuming that under such a policy there would be a rapid increase of free states.

In 1857 Mr. Seymour received from President Buchanan the offer of a first-class foreign mission, but declined it; and he took no prominent part in politics again until the secession movement began. He was a member of the committee on resolutions at the convention held in Tweddle hall, Albany, 31 Jan. 1861, after the secession of six states, to consider the feasibility of compromise measures; and he delivered a speech designed mainly to show the peculiar dangers of civil war. When the war began in 1861, Mr. Seymour was in Madison, Wis., and the Democratic members of the legislature, then in session, called him into consultation as to the proper course of political action. He counselled the simple duty of loyalty, to obey the laws, and maintain the national authority, and he was active in raising one of the first companies of Wisconsin volunteers. When he returned home in the autumn he spoke at a Democratic ratification meeting held in Utica, 28 Oct. 1861, saying: "In common with the majority of the American people, I deplored the election of Mr. Lincoln as a great calamity; yet he was chosen in a constitutional manner, and we wish, as a defeated organization, to show our loyalty by giving him a just and generous support." He was an active member of the committee appointed by Gov. Edwin D. Morgan to raise troops in Oneida county, and he contributed liberally to the fund for the volunteers. In the following winter he delivered at Albany an address on the state and national defences; at a meeting of representative Democrats, held in the state capital in the disastrous summer of 1862, he introduced a resolution that "we were bound in honor and patriotism to send immediate relief to our brethren in the field"; and, at the request of the adjutant-general of the state, he became chairman of the committee to take charge of recruiting in his own neighborhood. On 10 Sept. 1862, the Democratic state convention nominated him for governor. In his address to that body, accepting the nomination, he intimated that compromise measures might have prevented the war, justified the maintenance of party organization, criticised the spirit of Congress as contrasted with that of the army as he had found both during a visit to the national capital and the camps, and argued that the Republican party could not, in the nature of things, save the nation. After a canvass in which he asserted on all occasions the right of criticising the administration and the

duty of sustaining the government, he was elected, defeating Gen. James S. Wadsworth by a majority of 10,752 votes. Perhaps the fairest statement of his position in regard to the war at that period is to be found in the following passage from his inaugural message of 7 Jan. 1863: "The assertion that this war was the unavoidable result of slavery is not only erroneous, but it has led to a disastrous policy in its prosecution. The opinion that slavery must be abolished to restore our Union creates an antagonism between the free and the slave states which ought not to exist. If it is true that slavery must be abolished by the force of the Federal government, that the south must be held in military subjection, that four millions of negroes must for many years be under the direct management of the authorities at Washington at the public expense, then, indeed, we must endure the waste of our armies in the field, further drains upon our population, and still greater burdens of debt. We must convert our government into a military despotism. The mischievous opinion that in this contest the north must subjugate and destroy the south to save our Union has weakened the hopes of our citizens at home and destroyed confidence in our success abroad." This argument against the probability of success along the path that finally led to it was of course supplemented by an unequivocal declaration in favor of the restoration of the Union and the supremacy of the constitution. On 23 March 1863, President Lincoln wrote to Gov. Seymour a letter seeming to suggest a personal pledge of co-operation, and the governor sent his brother to Washington to convey assurances of loyal support, but along with them a protest against the policy of arbitrary arrests. On 13 April 1863, Gov. Seymour sent to the legislature a message suggesting a constitutional amendment as a necessary preliminary to a law allowing soldiers in the field to vote; and on 24 April he vetoed a bill "to secure the elective franchise to qualified voters of the army and navy of the state of New York," on the ground that it was unconstitutional. The amendment that he had recommended was afterward adopted. In everything pertaining to the raising of troops Gov. Seymour's administration showed conspicuous energy and ability, but especially in the effort to meet Lee's invasion of the north in the early summer of 1863. On 15 June the secretary of war telegraphed to Gov. Seymour asking for help, and within three days 12,000 state militia, "well equipped and in good spirits," were on their way to Harrisburg. The good-will for such an achievement was not rare during the war, but it was not

often joined with the necessary executive ability, and President Lincoln and Sec. Stanton both sent their thanks to Gov. Seymour for his promptitude. On 2 July, Gov. Curtin, of Pennsylvania, telegraphed for aid, and on the two following days troops were sent to his assistance.

During the absence of the New York militia the draft riots began. They had their pretext, if not their origin, in two grievances, which were afterward abolished. One was the commutation clause in the draft law, which provided that any drafted man might obtain exemption by paying the government three hundred dollars. The poor regarded this as a fraud upon them in the desperate lottery of life and death. The other was a discrimination against New York state, and especially New York city, in the allotment of quotas. Gov. Seymour had been anxious to have this injustice corrected, and to have the draft postponed; but it began in the metropolis on Saturday, 11 July 1863. On Sunday the names of those drawn were published, and on Monday the rioting began. The rioters stopped at no outrage, not even the murder of the innocent and helpless. That night the governor reached the city, and the next day he issued two proclamations, the first calling upon all citizens to retire to their homes and preserve the peace, and the second declaring the city in a state of insurrection. The same day he took measures for enrolling volunteers and gathering all available troops. On Tuesday he also spoke to a mob in front of the city-hall. Then, and ever afterward, his impromptu speech was the subject of bitter criticism. It seems clear, from various conflicting and imperfect reports of it, that he promised the crowd that if they had grievances they would be redressed, declared himself their friend, and urged the necessity of obedience to law and the restoration of order. The design of the speech was twofold—to persuade the crowd to disperse, and, in any event, to gain time for the concentration of the forces within reach to suppress the riot. Under the direction of Gen. John E. Wool, with but slight aid from the National forces, order was restored within forty-eight hours The rioting lasted from Monday afternoon until Thursday evening, cost about a thousand lives, and involved the destruction of property estimated at from half a million to three million dollars in value. Shortly afterward Gov. Seymour wrote to President Lincoln, pointing out the injustice done in the enrolment, and asking to have the draft stopped, in order that New York might fill her quota with volunteers. The president conceded that there

was an apparent unfairness in the enrolment, but refused to stop the draft. A commission, appointed by the war department to investigate the matter, declared that the enrolment under the act of 3 March 1863, was imperfect, erroneous, and excessive, especially with reference to the cities of New York and Brooklyn. On 16 April 1864, a Republican legislature passed a resolution thanking Gov. Seymour for his "prompt and efficient efforts" in pointing out the errors of the enrolment and procuring their correction. He took an active part in the state canvass of 1863, making many speeches in defence of his own record and the principles of his party, and attacking the policy of the administration; but in the election the state gave a Republican majority of about 29,000. On 22 April 1864, the governor sent to the legislature a message urging the payment of interest on the state debt in gold; and this action was construed by political opponents as a covert attack on the national credit. On 3 Aug. 1864, the Democratic national convention met in Chicago, and Gov. Seymour presided, refusing to be a candidate for the presidential nomination. But he became a candidate for the governorship that year, and was defeated by Reuben E. Fenton, Republican, by a majority of 8,293.

After the close of the war Mr. Seymour remained a leader in politics. He made speeches in the state canvasses of 1865, 1866, and 1867, opposing strongly the reconstruction policy of the Republican party, and criticising sharply its financial methods. He presided over the state conventions of his party, 3 Oct. 1867, and 11 Mar. 1868, and over the national convention that met in New York city, 4 July 1868. In spite of previous declarations that he would not be a candidate before that body, and in spite of his protestations during its proceedings, the convention nominated him for the presidency, and he allowed himself, against his better judgment, to be overpersuaded into accepting the nomination. In the election of 3 Nov. 1868, he carried the states of Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Oregon; Mississippi, Virginia, and Texas did not vote; and the rest of the states voted for Gen. Grant, the Republican candidate. The electoral vote stood 214 for Grant and 80 for Seymour; the popular vote, 3,015,071 for Grant and 2,709,213 for Seymour. This defeat virtually closed Mr. Seymour's political career, for, though mentioned in connection with the presidency regularly every four years, offered the senatorship, and nominated for the governorship, he refused steadily to have anything more to do with public office. The remote origin of his last

illness was a sunstroke, which he suffered in 1876 while overseeing the repairing of the roads in Deerfield, near Utica, where he had settled in 1864. Mr. Seymour was of fair stature, lithely and gracefully built, and had a refined face, lighted up by dark, glowing eyes. In social intercourse he was simple in manner and considerate in spirit. As an orator he was easy, agreeable, and powerful, plausible and candid in ordinary argument, and yet rising often into true eloquence. He made many speeches on other than political occasions; he loved farming, and often delivered addresses at agricultural gatherings: he was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, and frequently took part in its conventions as a lay delegate; he was a member of the commission for the state survey, and was in an especial way the champion of the canal system. It may be said broadly that he was master of everything connected with the history, topography, and institutions of New York.

245. JOHN FORMAN[7] SEYMOUR (*Henry*[6], *Moses*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Pompey Hill, Onondaga County, N. Y., 21 Sept. 1814, died at Utica, N. Y., 22 Feb. 1890; married first, at New Haven, Conn., 4 May 1839, FRANCES ANTILL TAPPAN, born 20 Dec. 1815, died at Utica, N. Y., 5 Sept. 1860, daughter of Arthur and Frances (Antill); he married second, his second cousin, HELEN LINCKLAEN LEDYARD, who died 5 June 1880.

He was graduated from Yale College in 1835.

(Gravestone at Utica, N. Y.)

In Memory
of
John Forman Seymour
who at all times and everywhere
gave his strength to the weak
his substance to the poor
and his heart to God.
Born Sept. 21 1814
Died Feb. 22 1890

Children by first wife:

i. Frances Antill[8], b. 1841; d. 18 Aug. 1853.

ii. Horatio, b. 8 Jan. 1844; d. at Utica, 21 Feb. 1907; m. at Utica, 12 Oct. 1880, Abigail Adams Johnson, b. 23 Nov. 1855, d. 6 Jan. 1915. Children:

I. Mary Ledyard[9], b. 10 Sept. 1881; m. at Marquette, Mich., 23 Oct. 1901, Henry St. Arnauld, b. 26 Jan. 1846. Child: 1. *Marie Alice Greenwood*, b. 23 Sept. 1902.

II. Horatio, b. 14 July 1883; res. Elizabeth, N. J.; m. at Quogue, L. I., 30 Aug. 1913.

iii. Mary Ledyard, b. 11 Sept. 1847; m. at Utica, N. Y., 26 Dec. 1878, Dr. Willis Ellard Ford, s. of Lewis and Deborah (Reynolds) of Belfast, Allegheny Co., N. Y. No children.

Horatio[8] Seymour (1844-1907), B.A. (Yale, 1867), M.A. (1871), became an assistant engineer on the Erie Canal in 1874. He blocked the unlawful demands of contractors, and the facts he discovered were influential in leading Gov. Samuel J. Tilden to his exposure of the canal frauds. He was State Engineer and Surveyor of New York, 1878 to 1881. He moved to Michigan in 1882, and became head of the Michigan Iron and Land Company at Marquette. In 1905 he retired, and returned to Utica, N. Y. He was an Episcopalian; and a Democrat.

246. Orson Hart[7] Seymour (*Moses*[6], *Aaron*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at New Britain, Conn., 1 Sept. 1807, died at Hartford, Conn., 1 Dec. 1883; married at New Britain, Conn., 17 Sept. 1827, Henrietta Maria[7] Stanley, born at New Britain, 30 June 1807, died at Hartford, 1 June 1879, daughter of Amzi[6] (*Gad*[5], *Thomas*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) and Lucy (Webster).

He was a merchant in New Britain, where he was deacon of the South Church for eighteen years. He removed to Hartford in 1864, and engaged in the manufacture of pottery.

Children, born at New Britain:

i. Eliza North[8], b. 20 Apr. 1828; m. 1847, Frederick Langdon.

ii. Lucy Webster, b. 3 Sept. 1829; d. 8 Jan. 1830.

iii. Lucy Webster, b. 12 Mar. 1831; d. 9 Mar. 1908; m. 4 May 1852, Ira Barnes Smith, of Oxford, Conn.

iv. Frederick Stanley, b. 8 Nov. 1835; m. (1) Nov. 1855, Harriet Granger, b. at Suffield, Conn., 1 Apr. 1834, d. 26 July 1874,

dau. of Hiram K. and Harriet (Tuller); m. (2) 17 May 1882, GRACE COMSTOCK, dau. of Capt. H. T. Comstock, of Hadlyme, Conn. He was a superintendent of hardware manufacturing; enlisted July 1862 as 1st Lieut., Co. I, 14th Conn. Vols., and served until Oct. 1866. Child by first wife:

I. Thomas Granger[9], b. at New Britain, 13 Feb. 1861.

v. HARRIET AMELIA, b. 24 Aug. 1837; d. 17 Feb. 1882; m. Oct. 1857, WILLIAM M. BIRD, of Charleston, S. C.

247. HENRY PHELPS[7] SEYMOUR (*Moses*[6], *Aaron*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at New Britain, Conn., 2 Aug. 1818, died at Hartford, Conn., 6 Dec. 1871; married first, 31 Jan. 1844, LAURA A. PIERCE; married second, at Troy, N. Y., 8 May 1848, ISABEL ORR TAYLOR, born July 1825, died 2 Nov. 1904.

He was a potter, and chief engineer of the Hartford Fire Department; Protestant; Democrat.

Children by second wife:

i. ELIZABETH M.[8], b. July 1848*; d. 4 Jan. 1917.
ii. MOSES D., b. July 1855; d. 25 Jan. 1884.
iii. ROBERT TAYLOR, b. 17 Aug. 1857; m. 3 June 1885, ELLEN OAKES, b. 8 Oct. 1862. They resided (1919) in Hartford, Conn. No children.
iv. J. HOWARD (twin), b. 17 Sept. 1867.
v. HERBERT P. (twin), b. 17 Sept. 1867.

248. WILLIAM PIERCE[7] SEYMOUR, M.D. (*Israel T.*[6], *Aaron*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Troy, N. Y., 17 Oct. 1825, died there 7 Apr. 1893; married 13 May 1852, HELEN HUGHES WOTKYNS, who died 11 Feb. 1884, daughter of Dr. Alfred Wotkyns.

He was graduated from Williams College in 1845 and in 1848 from the University of Pennsylvania. On incorporation of Marshall Infirmary he was appointed governor. In 1854 he was elected health officer of the city and held the office for three terms. From 1857 to 1862 he was professor of materia medica and therapeutics in Castleton Medical College, Vermont; in 1858 he filled the chair of materia medica in the Berkshire Medical College, Pittsfield, Mass.; in 1863 was transferred to the chair of obstetrics and gynecology,

*Date of birth probably erroneous, and she may be a child of the first wife, but we have no means of correcting the error.

which he resigned in 1865. In 1863 he was also commissioned as one of the "Auxiliary Corps of Volunteer Surgeons" of the State of New York; served at Fredericksburg in May 1864, immediately after the Battle of the Wilderness, taking charge of the "white mansion hospital." In 1870 he joined the faculty of the Albany Medical College. He was a member of the Rensselaer Medical Society, of the State Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association for the Advancement of Science. He invented various gynecological apparatus.

Children:

i. WILLIAM WOTKYNS[8], b. at Troy, 29 July 1853; d. in 1904; grad. Yale College, 1875; physician; m. at Shoreham, Vt., Jan. 1883, Frances Minturn. Child:

I. Helen Minturn[9], b. 1883.

ii. ALFRED WOTKYNS, b. 12 June 1856.

249. GEORGE RUTHVEN[7] SEYMOUR (*Israel T.*[6], *Aaron*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 9 Aug. 1829, died 1884; married 19 Mar. 1862, ELIZABETH HALL[7] HOWLAND, born 15 July 1840, daughter of Abraham[6] (*Consider*[5], *Malachi*[4], *Joshua*[3], *Samuel*[2], *Henry*[1]) and Sally Margaret (Townsend).

Children, born at Troy, N. Y.:

i. WALTER HOWLAND[8], b. 8 Feb. 1863.
ii. ELIZABETH TOWNSEND, b. 28 Sept. 1866.
iii. GEORGE PIERCE, b. 11 Sept. 1868; d. 13 May 1869.
iv. PAUL, b. 12 Apr. 1870; d. 28 May 1870.
v. CHARLES PHELPS, b. 30 May 1872; d. 12 July 1872.
vi. DAUGHTER, b. 24 Nov. 1873; d. 25 Nov. 1873.
vii. ARTHUR, b. 16 Mar. 1877; d. 15 May 1877.

250. WILLIAM HENRY[7] SEYMOUR (*Romanta*[6], *Aaron*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 26 Oct. 1827; married in Nebraska, 13 May 1851, ELIZABETH PUTNAM, born at Herkimer, N. Y., 6 June 1821, daughter of Alfred and Sophia (Dickerman).

Children:

i. SOPHIA DICKERMAN PUTNAM[8], b. 20 Sept. 1852; m. 20 Sept. 1875, REV. CHARLES CUMMINGS STEARNS, s. of Josiah Milton and Flora (McIntyre). A missionary to Turkey. A professor in Hartford Theological Seminary.

ii. WILLIAM HENRY, b. 1 Nov. 1855; d. unm. at Unadilla, Neb., 11 May 1880.
iii. LIZZIE MARIA, b. 30 July 1858; d. at Crete, Neb., 28 Apr. 1880.
iv. ALFRED PUTNAM, b. 4 May 1860; d. at Lincoln, Neb., 22 June 1903; m. at Nebraska City, Neb., 13 May 1890, SARAH NICHOLSON, b. at Nebraska City, 8 Feb. 1863, res. (1919) Lincoln, Neb. He was a horticulturist. Child:

I. Elizabeth Putnam[9], b. 4 Feb. 1891.

251. JAMES[7] SEYMOUR (*James*[6], *Samuel*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Brockport, N. Y., 5 July 1827; married at New York City, 22 May 1861, MARY O. LODEWICK, born 11 Sept. 1830, daughter of John M. and Emma Linda (Osborn).

He moved in 1845 to Auburn, N. Y., where he became a banker. He was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church.

Children:

i. CHARLES P.[8], b. 31 July 1862; d. 20 July 1863.
ii. JAMES ALWARD, b. 12 Oct. 1864; res. (1936) Auburn, N. Y.; m. 11 Apr. 1894, MARION MELITA SMITH, b. at Auburn, 13 Apr. 1867, dau. of Charles Augustus and Jane Hobart (Chedell). Children:

I. Jane Chedell[9], b. in 1896; m. Paul M. Hills, of Auburn.
II. Mary M., b. in 1897; m. Pennington Sefton, of Auburn.
III. James Sayre, b. in 1899; m. Nataline Dulles. Children:

(1) Marion Chedell[10], b. in 1931.
(2) James Dulles, b. in 1935.

iii. JOHN LODEWICK, b. 29 June 1867; d. 7 Apr. 1871.

JAMES ALWARD[8] SEYMOUR (1864-), Ph.B. (Sheffield Scientific School, Yale, 1885), M.E. (1890), associated himself with John E. McIntosh in 1886, founding McIntosh, Seymour & Co., manufacturers of steam engines, Auburn, N. Y., and employing 700 persons. The firm was incorporated in 1911, as McIntosh & Seymour Co., of which he was president; the business was sold in 1913 to McIntosh & Seymour Corporation (principal manufacturer of Diesel type of oil engines), of which he was president. He was a director of Empire Gas & Electric Co.; Trustee of the Seymour (Public) Library, and of the Auburn City Hospital; and a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Book and Snake

Society (Yale), and associate member of the Society of Naval Engineers. Clubs: City (Auburn) Engineers'; University; Yale (New York); Graduates' (New Haven). He was a Republican.

252. HENRY[7] SEYMOUR (*James*[6], *Samuel*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Rochester, N. Y., 19 Aug. 1834, died at Flint, Mich., 5 Oct. 1899; married at Flint, 7 Jan. 1863, LAURA ELLEN STEWART, born at Flint, 15 Feb. 1838, died there 17 June 1915.

He was a dry goods merchant.

Children:

i. JAMES[8], b. 15 Mar. 1864; professor of chemistry and chemist, res. (1919) Denver, Colo.; m. at Ypsilanti, Mich., 29 Mar. 1902, ELIZABETH GRAVES GILMORE, b. 17 Aug. 1871. Child:

I. Elizabeth Harriet Gilmore[9], b. 21 June 1904.

ii. CHARLES, b. 14 Dec. 1865.
iii. HARRIET FRANCES, b. 25 Oct. 1867.
iv. KATHARINE LUCY, b. 10 Aug. 1869; m. ERNEST G. THROOP.
v. WILLIAM HENRY, b. 11 Dec. 1871; m. EMMA LOUISE ROBERTS.
vi. MARY STEWART, b. 14 June 1875; teacher of history in Flint High School.
vii. EMILY, b. 30 Dec. 1880.

253. HON. HENRY WILLIAM[7] SEYMOUR (*William H.*[6], *Samuel*[5], *Moses*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Brockport, N. Y., 21 July 1834, died at Washington, D. C., 6 Apr. 1906; married first, 27 Oct. 1869, ISABEL RANDELL, who died 4 May 1874; married second, 30 June 1875, ELIZABETH CRAIG, who died 22 June 1876; married third, 29 June 1880, HARRIET L. GILLETTE.

He attended the Brockport Collegiate Institute and the Canandaigua Academy, and was graduated from Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., in 1855; studied law in Albany, N. Y., taking lectures at the Albany law school, and was admitted to practice May, 1856; engaged in the manufacture of reapers, and subsequently in the manufacture of lumber and in farming. He was elected to the State House of Representatives in 1880; member of the State Senate in 1882 and 1886; elected as a Republican to the Fiftieth Congress, to fill vacancy caused by the death of Seth C. Moffatt, and served from 22 Dec. 1887 to 4 Mar. 1889.

Mr. Seymour felt a deep interest in the family history, and spent much time and money in a futile quest for the origin of the American Seymours abroad, employing for that purpose Lt.-Col. Vivian, the noted antiquarian of Devonshire, and professional genealogists in other parts of England, including Mr. W. F. Noble, an antiquarian of high repute. Mr. Seymour died before the problem was solved by Mr. J. Gardner Bartlett's discoveries in the parish records of co. Herts.

Child by first wife:

i. WILLIAM HENRY[8], d. 8 Mar. 1874, ae. 17 mos.

Child by third wife:

ii. HELEN, b. in 1882; m. in 1910, MERLIN WILEY, a lawyer, of Detroit and Grosse Pointe, Mich.

254. HENRY TERRY[7] SEYMOUR (*Horace*[6], *Freeman*[5], *Richard*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 20 Oct. 1818, died there 25 Dec. 1884; married at Hartford, 29 Jan. 1851, LAURA HOLLISTER POND, born at Columbia, S. C., 13 Nov. 1826, died 15 Dec. 1910, daughter of Isaac P. and Rebecca (Hollister).

He was a grocer; Episcopalian; Republican.

Children:

i. HORACE SPENCER[8], b. 25 June 1854; Councilman, of Hartford; m. at New Haven, Conn., 21 Apr. 1881, SUSAN HAYES SMITH, b. at New Haven, 24 Dec. 1853, d. 25 Mar. 1923, dau. of Isaac Chauncey and Sarah Jeanette (Boyd). Children:

I. Theodore Dudley[9], b. and d. 4 Sept. 1882.

II. Helen Adele, b. 8 Aug. 1884; m. 28 Oct. 1915, Dwight Albert Burnham, of Hartford.

ii. DUDLEY STUART, b. 19 July 1859; res. Oak Park, Ill.; m. at Wethersfield, Conn., 16 June 1886, ALICE ELVINA POWERS, b. at Athens, Pa., 31 Mar. 1862, dau. of Bentley Sanger and Julia (Friant). He was a mechanical engineer, of Oak Park, Ill. Children:

I. Ruth Dudley[9], b. 30 Mar. 1887.

II. Alice Katherine, b. 14 Dec. 1889; d. 23 Sept. 1914.

III. Dorothy Stuart, b. 4 May 1895; d. 19 May 1895.

255. SYLVESTER[7] SEYMOUR (*Richard*[6], *Richard*[5], *Richard*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 25 July 1818, died there 17 Aug. 1890; married 15 May 1850, MARY WARNER, b. 26 Aug. 1824, d. 6 Jan. 1906, daughter of Levi.

He was a farmer; Congregationalist; Republican.

Children:

i. Richard W.[8], b. 3 May 1851; m. at Otis, Mass., 28 Dec. 1880, Mira A. Kenyon, b. 16 June 1854, dau. of Joseph Jr. and Eliza A. (Turning).
ii. Minnie E., b. 12 Sept. 1857; d. 12 June 1880; m. at Hartford, 6 Nov. 1878, Albert Howard Abbe, b. 8 Apr. 1852; no issue. He m. (2) 17 Jan. 1883, Nellie Parker.
iii. Sylvester Frank, b. 13 Oct. 1862; d. 10 Jan. 1917; m. ———. Children:

I. Stanley M.[9], of Staten Island.
II. F. Morgan.
III. Minnie.

256. Julius L.[7] Seymour (*Henry*[6], *Richard*[5], *Richard*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at the Seymour Homestead, Hartford, Conn., about 1829, died at Middletown, Conn., 16 Feb. 1905; married 7 May 1867, Carrie M. Rhodes, born at Rochester, N. Y., 23 Apr. 1843, died at Wethersfield, Conn., 13 May 1905. They were divorced in 1898.

Children:*

i. Ada H.[8] (twin), b. 3 Mar. 1868; d. Dec. 1879 ae. 29, unm.
ii. Ida (twin), b. 3 Mar. 1868.
iii. Louis Cheney, b. 3 July 1872; m.
iv. Edith Celia, b. 1 Jan. 1873; unm.
v. Julius G., b. 28 June 1875; unm.
vi. Norman Lambert, b. 25 Apr. 1877; unm.
vii. Albert Harlow, b. 18 Mar. 1880; d. 5 Jan. 1906 ae. 25, unm.
viii. Florence B., b. 31 Mar. 1884; unm.

257. George Gilman[7] Seymour (*George*[6], *Richard*[5], *Richard*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 27 Jan. 1831, died at Minneapolis, Minn., 2 Nov. 1886; married first, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Elizabeth Margor; married second, Martha A. White, who died 12 May 1921.

He was a broker.

Children:

i. George H.[8], b. 10 Mar. 1860; d. ———; m. Emma Frazier.
ii. Nellie Aurelia, b. 20 Sept. 1863 at Milwaukee, Wis.; m. at Milwaukee, Wis., 20 May 1891, John Lyman Rood, b. at Hart-

* There were sixteen children in all, but the others died young.

ford, Conn., 17 Nov. 1853. They reside (1919) at Rice Lake, Wis.

iii. EMMA, b. 1867; d.

iv. CARRIE EDNA, b. 187–; m. HOWARD A. SEYMOUR.

258. FRANKLIN MASON[7] SEYMOUR (*George*[6], *Richard*[5], *Richard*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), a merchant, born at Hartford, Conn., 16 Sept. 1841; married 25 Dec. 1867, HARRIET EDNA SEYMOUR, born at Hartford, Conn., 31 Mar. 1845.

Children:

i. ALBERT[8], b. 2 Nov. 1871; res. (1919) West Allis, Wis.; m. at Milwaukee, Wis., 2 June 1902, EDNA LAVINIA WILLIS, b. at Oconomowoc, Wis., 25 Jan. 1878. Children:

I. Harriet May[9], b. 12 Oct. 1904; d. 7 Mar. 1907.

II. Willis Franklin, b. 8 Aug. 1908; d. 9 Dec. 1918.

ii. FRANK WILMER, b. 1 July 1874; m. MARGARET BRODERICK.

iii. SYDNEY DRAKE, b. 20 May 1879; m. MYRTLE MAYNARD.

259. GEORGE NICHOLS[7] SEYMOUR (*David*[6], *Jared*[5], *Thomas*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Springfield, Vt., 14 Apr. 1794, died at Ogdensburg, N. Y., 27 July 1859; married 18 Mar. 1818, SOPHIA MARIE LEFEBRE DE VILLERS, born at Butternuts, Otsego Co., N. Y., 19 Oct. 1797, died at Ogdensburg, N. Y., 6 Feb. 1880.

He was commissioned Adjutant in the St. Lawrence County Militia, 1817, and Brigade Inspector, 1818.

Children:

i. HARRIET ANN[8], b. in 1818; d. 23 Feb. 1898; m. JOHN D. JUDSON, president of the Judson Bank of Ogdensburg. Three children.

305. ii. GEORGE DE VILLERS, b. 13 May 1821.

306. iii. ISAAC LEWIS, b. 11 Apr. 1823.

iv. SOPHIA MARY, b. 30 Oct. 1831; d. in 1896; m. GEORGE CONANT.

260. ISAAC[7] SEYMOUR (*David*[6], *Jared*[5], *Thomas*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Springfield, Vt., 23 Dec. 1798, died at New York, N. Y., 13 Sept. 1863; married SARAH ANN SCOTT, born 1809, died at Peekskill, N. Y., in 1870, daughter of John.

He was cashier of the Westchester County Bank, Peekskill, N. Y., 1830, and afterwards its president; cashier, 1848, of the Bank of North America in New York City, where he was a member of the

Vestry of Trinity Church. He was taken ill in his pew during service, and carried into the Vestry room, where he died.

Sarah Ann Seymour, of New York, widow of Isaac Seymour of New York, and Charles R. Westbrook of Ogdensburg, N. Y., were appointed administrators upon Isaac's estate, 28 Sept. 1863.

Will of Sarah A. Seymour of Peekskill, N. Y., dated 24 Mar. 1867, proved 29 Nov. 1870, named seven children, and son-in-law Charles R. Westbrook.

Children:

i. GILBERT[8], b. 1825; d. young.
ii. JOHN SCOTT, b. in 1827; m. MARY ANN ———. Child:
    I. Charlotte Scott[9].
iii. CHARLOTTE HILDEBRAND, b. in 1829; d. *s.p.* in 1861; m. 23 Sept. 1846, JAMES G. AVERILL, b. at Ogdensburg, 4 Nov. 1818, d. 11 Aug. 1895, s. of James and Lydia (Ambler). He m. (2) Harriet Gilbert, dau. of Sylvester and Nancy Ann (Seymour). Three children.
iv. SARAH SOPHIA, b. in 1831; d. in 1905; m. CHARLES RUGGLES WESTBROOK, b. in 1825, d. in 1900. Seven children.
v. ISABEL, b. in 1835; m. GEORGE VAN BRUNT.
vi. MARY, b. in 1841; d. in 1932; m. EGBERT FAIRCHILD. Nine children.
vii. ISAAC, b. in 1842; d. in 1934; m. ANELLA PROUTY. Children:
    I. Sarah[9], b. 1880; m. Clarence Ingalls.
    II. Mary B., b. 1887; unm.
    III. Anella, b. 1891; m. ——— King.
viii. KATHERINE VAN COURTLAND, b. in 1843; m. FRANK JEFFERIES.
ix. JANE AMELIA, d. unm.
x. HARRIET A., d. young
xi. FRANCES, b. in 1852; d. in 1933; m. (1) in 1872, EDWIN B. VILAS; m. (2) in 1881, GEORGE H. ARMSTRONG.

261. DAVID LEWIS[7] SEYMOUR (*David*[6], *Jared*[5], *Thomas*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Springfield, Vt., 28 Aug. 1801, died at Peekskill, N. Y., 13 July 1880; married first, 27 Jan. 1824, ZENANA GILBERT RANNEY, born at Rome, N. Y., 3 Dec. 1804, died at Watertown, N. Y., 17 Mar. 1830, daughter of Butler and Orilla (Heath); married second, 20 Jan. 1831, DELIA ANN WILLIS RANNEY, born at Adams, N. Y., 27 Nov. 1814, died at Wolfe Island, Ontario, 9 Aug. 1885, sister of Zenana.

He settled in Peekskill, N. Y., in 1839, where he was interested in an iron foundry and stove works. He was associated at first with

Judson H. Gilbert, and later with Col. Cornelius Rikeman, and after the latter retired, Mr. Seymour took his son George into the firm. After the death of George Seymour, the firm was incorporated in 1865 as the Peekskill Manufacturing Co., Mr. Seymour becoming its president. As an employer, he was liberal and kind. He was an active member of the Second Presbyterian Church, and an ardent Republican. He was the agent of Sing Sing Prison during the administration of Governor Seward, and a library for the use of the convicts was established through his exertions. An abolitionist, his home before the Civil War was a station of the "underground railway," aiding colored refugees on their way to Canada.

Children by first wife:

i. DAVID[8], b. 8 Nov. 1824; d. 1 Jan. 1829.
ii. CORNELIA LOUISA, b. 19 Nov. 1826; d. 14 Jan. 1913; m. 4 June 1844, THOMAS NELSON, of Peekskill, b. 23 Jan. 1819, d. 26 July 1907.
iii. GEORGE NICHOLS, b. 21 Aug. 1829; d. 14 Feb. 1864; m. EMILY L. DUNNING, who d. 14 Mar. 1891. Children:

I. Walter Allen[9], m. Joanna Newcomb. Children:

(1) Grace[10], m. Stewart Denning.
(2) Bertha, b. 17 Dec. 1873; d. 31 Dec. 1929.
(3) Walter Allen, b. 24 May 1874 [?]; d. 22 Apr. 1910; m. 4 June 1898, Mary Menzies, b. 5 Oct. 1875. Children:
A. Walter Allen[11], b. 4 Jan. 1903; m. 25 June 1927, Frances Field.
B. Gustavus Vase Menzies, b. 11 May 1905; m. 18 Aug. 1934, Elizabeth Ann McDonagh.
(4) William Edward, b. 22 Nov. 1878; d. 10 Nov. 1931; m. 2 Dec. 1903, Eleanor Curtis, b. 24 Sept. 1880. Children:
A. Samuel Preston[11], b. 31 July 1907.
B. William E., b. 2 Sept. 1910; m. 1 Jan. 1934, Margaret Louise Barry, b. 19 Oct. 1908.

II. Daughter, d. in infancy, 1864.

Children by second wife:

iv. ALLEN MCKUTCHEON, b. 17 Oct. 1831; d. 29 Nov. 1833.
v. ALLEN MCKUTCHEON, b. 17 Nov. 1833; d. 3 Mar. 1883; m. SARAH ANN BERGH. Children:

I. Anne[9], d. young.
II. Frank.

vi. DAVID, b. 31 May 1836; d. 13 Apr. 1846.
vii. FREDERICK JAMES, b. 17 Dec. 1838; d. 26 Apr. 1840.
viii. HARRIET ALLEN, b. 16 Nov. 1843; d. 28 Jan. 1928; m. in 1865, EUGENE NELSON ROBINSON.

ix. FREDERICK, b. 17 July 1846; d. 12 May 1915; m. 7 June 1871, CORNELIA SEYMOUR CLARKE, b. at Watertown, N. Y., 17 July 1842, dau. of John and Cornelia Catharine (Ranney). Children:

I. Charles Oakes[9], b. 26 Apr. 1872; m. (1) 4 Nov. 1905, ADELA WISE, b. in England, 31 Jan. 1881, d. at Brunswick, Me., 8 Mar. 1915; m. (2) 17 May 1917, Lillian Black. Child by first wife:

(1) Katharine Elizabeth[10], b. at Tunbridge Wells, Eng., 24 Feb. 1907.

II. Nan Gilbert, b. 4 Aug. 1875; see below.

x. THOMAS NELSON, b. 27 Nov. 1849; d. 22 Mar. 1915; m. KATHERINE MURDOCH.

xi. JOHN CLARKE, b. 28 Aug. 1853; d. 14 Feb. 1915; m. 22 Feb. 1888, CARLOTTA MORTON, b. 1 Mar. 1866. Children:

I. Frederick Morton[9], b. 15 Oct. 1889; d. 12 July 1912.

II. John David, b. 12 Sept. 1893; m. 15 May 1920, Minnie Bella Brindley. Child:

(1) Morton Stephen[10], b. 14 Feb. 1930.

GEORGE NICHOLS[8] SEYMOUR (1829-1864) was an amateur musician of considerable note. He was the tenor in the first amateur male quartet in New York, and one of the founders of the Mendelssohn Glee Club. The quartet used to have musicales in his apartment in Waverly Place, which were famous among music lovers, and invitations were eagerly sought. It was in his apartment that Antoinette Sterling, the great contralto and ballad singer, was given her first chance to appear before a musical audience, and it was largely through the efforts of him and his friends that money was raised for her musical education. He was also responsible for the musical education of his half-sister, Harriet A. Seymour, under Richard Hoffman.

FREDERICK[8] SEYMOUR (1846-1915), a graduate of Amherst College in 1867, was briefly in business in New York, and later an expert accountant. For twenty years, he was Superintendent of the Public Schools in Watertown, N. Y. Music was his avocation; he studied orchestration under Theodore Thomas, and organized and conducted many concerts and musical festivals in Watertown. In 1927, twelve years after his death, the oratorio "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Dubois was presented in Watertown in tribute to his memory, at which time a friend wrote of him: "A man of great erudition, an interesting conversationalist, a loyal friend,

intensely human and generous to a fault, he endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact . . . . In music he had unimpeachable ideals. His judgment of the quality of a composition was unerring and his programs were models of symmetry. The musical life of the city bears the indelible impress of his strong personality, and his perseverance in the exploitation of music of educational value and merit. The calls for his service in the art which he loved were always cheerfully answered, often at a personal sacrifice. He was ever ready to extend a helping hand, a word of advice or useful information to the youthful seeker after musical knowledge and was quick to discern talent and to assist in its development. In remembrance of this man whose influence on the musical thought of the community has been so deeply impressed, this concert is given."

Harriet A.[8] Seymour (1843-1928) was educated at the Moravian School in Bethlehem, Pa., and Mme. Roberti's school in New Haven, Conn., and later continued her musical education under the noted teacher, Richard Hoffman. She married Eugene N. Robinson of New York, who was in business at that time with Daniel Drew in the office of old Commodore Vanderbilt. They had one daughter, Anne Seymour Robinson, born 16 Jan. 1866, died 1 Dec. 1902, who became (29 Apr. 1884) the wife of Edward G. Benedict, well known admiralty lawyer.

Mrs. Robinson spent a large part of her early life in Peekskill, where she taught music at St. Mary's (then St. Gabriel's) School, and was also connected with the music department at Vassar College. Although Mrs. Robinson was a competent organist, and played in many churches during her life, she was, nevertheless, chiefly known as a pianist, and was one of the best known amateurs of her day. On the occasion of Von Bülow's first visit to this country, she was chosen to play on the same program with him. She subsequently played twice with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra on tour. In later years she did a great deal of accompanying for Mme. Alma Gluck. She was a woman of rare humor, keen perception and fine understanding of men, women, and musicians, and had a great sympathy for the ideals of her confreres that endeared her greatly to all who had the privilege of knowing her.

The later years of her life were spent in New York, where she lived with her sister-in-law, the widow of Frederick Seymour, at the home of her niece, Dr. N. Gilbert Seymour. As an accompanist

and reader she was unexcelled, according to the testimony of many prominent singers with whom she worked. Her old home at Peekskill is now known as the "Castle," and is part of St. Mary's Church School.

N. GILBERT[9] SEYMOUR (1875-) was born in Peekskill, N. Y., and spent her childhood chiefly in Watertown, N. Y. She was graduated from Cornell University with the degrees of A.B. (1897) and M.D. (1902). She served her hospital interneship in the Methodist-Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia, 1902-03, and has practiced medicine in New York City since 1903. She was for many years on the staff of the Gouverneur Hospital Tuberculosis Clinic under the late Dr. John H. Huddleston, one of the pioneer Public Health workers in New York City, and after his death in 1915 was Director and later, Consultant Director, of the Clinic until her resignation in Jan. 1936.

It was during her Public Health work under Dr. Huddleston that she was connected with the establishment and conduct of St. George's Tuberculosis Clinic, which was discontinued in 1912. She was also associated with the establishment of the Hospital Social Service work in New York, and the work for cardiac convalescents, which grew out of it and which led to the organization of the Cardiac Association, now a national organization.

She has been associated with the medical work of the Salvation Army for thirty years. During the World War, she was connected with the Red Cross Medical Station at the Salvation Army Home and Hospital, caring for the families of enlisted men, and for the men themselves after their discharge from service. She has been Medical Director of the William Booth Memorial Hospital, conducted by the Salvation Army, since it was opened in 1920.

262. THOMAS S.[7] SEYMOUR (*Thomas Youngs*[6], *Thomas*[5], *Thomas*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 6 Sept. 1785, died at New York, N. Y., 7 July 1817; married CATHERINE MERRILL, who died at Hartford, Conn., Jan. 1828, ae. 40, daughter of Charles.

He served in the 25th Infantry, U. S. Army, in the War of 1812, being commissioned 2d Lieutenant, 6 July 1812; 1st Lieutenant, 20 June 1813; and Captain, 25 July 1814; transferred to the 6th Infantry, 17 May 1815, and dismissed 7 June 1815. At the close

of the war, he went to South America and joined the Venezuelan patriots under Bolivar the Liberator. While there, his health began to decline, and he died on his return to this country in hospital at New York.

Thomas, a brother of Mrs. Woodbridge (Mary Ann Seymour) four years older than herself, and who in early years had been more than any other member of the family her companion and counsellor, entered the American army in 1812. He held the office of lieutenant. He served through the war, and was in several severe engagements. He was accustomed to see men falling thick around him, and once his sword was shivered in his hand. Brave and generous, he was loved by his soldiers. On one occasion he was taken prisoner; but his men, with the shout, "Save the young lieutenant!" rushed into the midst of the enemy and bore him triumphantly back. Though naturally amiable, such was his taste for military life that after the close of the war he went to South America, and joined the patriots under the distinguished Bolivar. While there his health began to decline. He took passage for home, and arrived in New York, where he died. (See "The New England Minister of Sixty Years Ago," pp. 86-90.)

Child:

i. Daniel M.[8], b. 1807, d. 6 Oct. 1871; m. Sarah E. ——— and had children Kate Beckwith[9] (m. William J. Strickland of St. Paul, Minn.) and Ellen (Mrs. Craven of Manchester, Conn.).

263. Gov. Thomas Hart[7] Seymour (*Henry*[6], *Thomas*[5], *Thomas*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 29 Sept. 1807, died there 3 Sept. 1868, unmarried. He was certainly named Thomas Henry Seymour, but his name appears in most reference works as Thomas Hart Seymour, and he may have changed his middle name. A discussion of this question will be found in Appendix X.

He was educated in the public schools of Hartford, and in 1829 was graduated from Capt. Alden Partridge's Military Institute, Middletown, Conn. He became editor of a Democratic paper, *The Jeffersonian*, as early as 1832, but was at the same time studying law, and was admitted to the Bar about 1833. He was also active in military affairs and was chosen Captain of the Hartford Light Guard.

His attractive personality, said to have been without equal in the State, and his popular manners and address, soon threw him into politics, and he was elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-eighth Congress (4 Mar. 1843 to 3 Mar. 1845). He declined renomination.

He was commissioned Major of Conn. Infantry, 16 Mar. 1847, and of the 9th U. S. Infantry, 9 Apr. 1847. The latter was the New England regiment of volunteers raised for service in the Mexi-

can War, with Col. Truman Bishop Ransom of Vermont as its commander. On 13 Oct. 1847, Col. Ransom fell in the assault on Chapultepec. This was a fortress, the key to the City of Mexico, built upon a rock 150 feet high, impregnable on the north, and nearly so on the eastern and most of the southern face. Only the western and portions of the southern sides could be scaled. At a council of the commanders, two picked American regiments were selected to perform this task. One of them was "Tom" Seymour's, and they pushed up the rugged steeps in the face of a withering fire. The walls at the base of this castle fortress had to be mounted by ladders. When Col. Ransom fell early in the assault, Seymour led the troops, scaled the heights and, with his command, was the first to enter the supposedly impregnable fortress.

Seymour, who had been promoted to Lieut.-Colonel, 12 Aug. 1847, was promoted to command of the regiment, brevet Colonel "for gallant and meritorious conduct in the battle of Chapultepec," and took part in the capture of Mexico. He was honorably mustered out, 25 July 1848.

His popularity enhanced by his conduct in the Mexican War, the "Hero of Chapultepec" was nominated for Governor of Connecticut in 1849, but though gaining largely over the Democratic vote the preceding year, was not elected. In 1850 he was again a candidate and was elected by a handsome majority; and he was re-elected in 1851, 1852, and 1853. In 1852 he was Presidential Elector on the Pierce and King ticket, and in 1853 President Pierce appointed him U. S. Minister to Russia. Resigning the governorship, he accepted that post and filled it for four years. He formed a warm personal friendship for both the Czar Nicholas and his son, and received from them many costly tokens of their regard, including a handsome malachite table, which the author recalls viewing with awe when it was in the rooms of the Connecticut Historical Society. A pair of small, delicate, silver spurs, worn by "Governor Tom," are preserved by the author with many souvenirs of the Hale Family at the "Birthplace" in Coventry, Conn.

While Minister to Russia, his Attaché was the Hon. Andrew D. White, from whom we obtained the following anecdotes in 1905. Mr. White was greatly attached to Gov. Seymour, whose rare charm of manner, warmth of heart, and eagerness to serve others, had made a deep impression on him. He told of one occasion when an American gentleman and his wife, to whom Gov. Seymour was under

no obligation, found themselves stranded in St. Petersburg. Gov. Seymour took them into his house, and on the lady's account surrendered to them his own apartment, moving himself into a small, uncomfortable room in the back of the house, and not permitting any of his staff to give up their rooms. At one time, it was proposed that Mr. White should be initiated into some of the degrees of Masonry, Seymour and the rest of the company present being Masons. Gov. Seymour fell in with this proposal until he remembered that Masonry was forbidden in Russia, whereupon he took a firm stand and declined to participate, as he would not contravene the laws of Russia even though the house of the U. S. Minister enjoyed diplomatic immunity.

After nearly a year of foreign travel, Seymour returned to the United States in 1858. When the Civil War began, he opposed military measures against the South, and throughout the War was the leader of the Connecticut Peace Democrats. He declined an invitation to act as vice-president of a war meeting held in Hartford 10 July 1862, and his remarks in his letter of refusal were used to injure him politically. He declined because the meeting "is one which ignores peaceful remedies of any sort as a means of restoring the Union, and calls loudly for men and means to aid in the subjugation and consequent degradation and overthrow of the South." His attitude made him the object of bitter attack, and in 1862 Orville H. Platt, then a member of the Lower House, climbed a step-ladder and turned his portrait in the Senate Chamber to the wall. It so remained turned to the wall until after the end of the war. Platt by this act acquired the name of "Portrait Platt." Years afterwards he had a notable career as one of the U. S. Senators from Connecticut. This identical portrait, illustrated herein, now hangs in the Memorial Hall in the State Library in Hartford, in its appropriate place in the line of Governors of Connecticut.

Seymour ran as Democratic candidate for Governor in 1863, and one opposition newspaper went so far as to print in parallel columns passages from Arnold's "Proclamation" of 1780 and passages from the Democratic Platform of 1863 and from a speech of Seymour's, with the comment, "Benedict Arnold and Thomas H. Seymour are alike in expression of their desire for peace." A bitter campaign ended in his defeat by the Republican candidate, William A. Buckingham.

Mr. Seymour did not again enter the political arena. Although the popularity of the "Hero of Chapultepec" with the masses was in large measure sacrificed as a result of his attitude of conciliation with the South during the Civil War, many devoted friends remained loyal to him. He was firm and sincere in his convictions, even though it meant the end of his public career. Who can say, whether or not his was the wider vision? Or whether a spirit of compromise and conciliation on both sides might not have restored a united country, without the scars left by the defeat of the South? History can tell only what occurred, not what might have been. Perchance it took more courage for "Governor Tom" to swim against the tide of popular passion during the Civil War than was required to first scale the heights of Chapultepec.

264. WILLIAM ELLERY[7] SEYMOUR (*Henry*[6], *Thomas*[5], *Thomas*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 10 Mar. 1810, died at New Orleans, La., 29 July 1883; married at Philadelphia, 31 July 1834, MARY BROOKS.

Mr. Seymour settled in New Orleans, La., as a young man, and lived there over fifty years. For more than thirty years he was a member of the firm of Stevens & Seymour, wholesale stationers, and during that period bore the reputation of a pure, honest and incorruptible man and merchant. He displayed a warm interest in the welfare of his city and State, and on several occasions was appointed to offices of trust and honor, the last of which was that of administrator of the University of Louisiana.

Though mild and gentle in his manners, Mr. Seymour was a man of strong feelings, positive opinions, determined will, and great decision of character.

Children:

i. HELENA ELLERY[8].
ii. WILLIAM HENRY.

265. JOHN DEMING[7] SEYMOUR (*Jeremiah*[6], *Elias*[5], *Bevnl*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Newington, Conn., 2 Dec. 1821, died there 25 Dec. 1903; married at Newington, 25 Nov. 1852, ABIGAIL[8] WELLES, born 30 Oct. 1825, died at Newington, 3 Aug. 1901, daughter of Roger[7] (*Roger*[6], *Solomon*[5], *Gideon*[4], *Robert*[3], *John*[2], *Thomas*[1]) and Electa (Stanley).

He was a farmer; a Whig and Republican. He joined the Congregational Church in 1857, and had a Sunday School class; in 1873 he was chairman of the building committee, and gave liberally towards the cost of modernizing the old church. He served as Representative for Newington, in the Conn. Legislature, 1869 and 1871.

Children, born at Newington:

i. MARY[8], b. 16 Nov. 1853; res. (1919) Chattanooga, Tenn.; m. at Newington, Conn., 29 Apr. 1875, HENRY TREAT OLMSTEAD of Dunlap, Iowa, b. 3 Oct. 1847, d. 11 July 1917. He was a banker; Presbyterian; Republican.

ii. ROGER WELLES, b. 1 May 1856; d. 29 Apr. 1858.

iii. WALTER BALDWIN, b. 3 Nov. 1857; m. (1) ——— SMITH, who d. 1896; m. (2) 22 Feb. 1898, LILLIAN HAMILTON SMITH, b. 13 Sept. 1870, sister of his first wife, dau. of Redden Smith. He was in the lumber business; Episcopalian; Republican; res. Thomasville, Ga. Children by second wife:

I. Harriet[9], b. 19 Dec. 1899.
II. Lillian, b. 9 Dec. 1903.

307. iv. WILLIAM, b. 6 Oct. 1859.

v. JULIA WELLES, b. 28 Apr. 1862; d. 16 Aug. 1863.

vi. GEORGE WOLCOTT, b. 25 Aug. 1865; unm. (1919); res. Cleveland, Ohio.

266. DAVID LOWREY[7] SEYMOUR (*Ashbel*[6], *Ashbel*[5], *Bevil*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Newington Parish, Wethersfield, Conn., 2 Dec. 1803, died at Lanesboro, Mass., 11 Oct. 1867; married 27 July 1837, MARIA LUCY CURTISS, born at Derby, Conn., 11 Aug. 1813, died 11 Oct. 1867, daughter of Sheldon Clarke and Hannah (Bradley).

He was graduated from Yale College in 1826; tutor at Yale College 1828-1830; studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1829, and began practice in Troy, N. Y.

Mr. Seymour was a warm supporter of Gen. Jackson's administration, and soon became associated with local politics in Troy. His fluency and ability as a speaker gave him considerable prominence at once. In 1836 he was elected to the New York Assembly. The Democratic party in the State was split between wrangling factions, and Mr. Seymour allied himself with the Conservatives.

In 1842 he was elected to the Twenty-eighth Congress (4 Mar. 1843 to 3 Mar. 1845) by a narrow margin over his Whig opponent.

In general, he supported the Tyler administration. He was again a candidate in 1844, but was defeated. In 1850 he ran and defeated Russell Sage, and served in the Thirty-second Congress (4 Mar. 1851 to 3 Mar. 1853). He ran a fourth time in 1852 but was defeated by a wide margin.

He had public service also as District Attorney and Master of Chancery; and in 1867 was a member of the Constitutional Convention of New York. He was partial to public life, and had many qualities which well fitted him for it. He was able and brilliant in debate; familiar with political history, and at home in dealing with business facts. At Washington he wielded his full share of influence, and was popular in political and social circles. As chairman of the committee on commerce, he distinguished himself by the elaborateness and value of his reports, and more especially by his agency in effecting the Canadian Reciprocity Treaty.

As a lawyer, Mr. Seymour occupied a front rank. He was a fine advocate and also a safe, cautious counsellor. He was a terrific worker, and it is probable that excessive labor shortened his days. It was his habit to spend his days in transacting ordinary business, and much of his nights in continuous, wearing mental labor. He was a man of great caution, and had the foresight which made him fortunate in pecuniary ventures. From small beginnings, he accumulated a considerable fortune. As husband and father, he was an idol in his household.

Children:

i. Mary Louisa[8], b. 21 Feb. 1839; m. Titus E. Eddy.
ii. Harriette Maria, b. 23 Feb. 1843; d. 12 Mar. 1844.
iii. Sarah Lowrey, b. 10 Apr. 1846; m. S. Fisher Johnson.
iv. Frances Maria, b. 16 June 1848; m. at New York City, in 1871, Charles Edward Patterson, of Troy, b. at Corinth, Vt., 3 May 1842, s. of James Hervey and Fidelia (Howes).

267. (Dea.) Erastus[7] Seymour (*Erastus*[6], *Ashbel*[5], *Bevil*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 20 Oct. 1808; married 28 June 1832, Mary Ann Chapman, born at Wibraham, Mass., 1 Aug. 1811.

He lived at Rootstown, Ohio, where he was for many years Deacon of the Congregational Church. He taught school in youth; and was prominent in town affairs, holding at different times the offices of Town Clerk, Trustee, and Justice of the Peace, always discharging

his duties with fairness and promptitude. He was deeply religious; noted for his ability in memorizing; never an aggressive man, but possessed of staying qualities.

Children:

i. Bavil P.[8], b. 4 Aug. 1833; res. (1884) Burlingame, Shawnee Co., Kans.; m. (1) 31 Mar. 1859, Emiline Hammond, b. at Cambridge, Ohio, 1 Sept. 1841, d. 5 Mar. 1860, dau. of David P. and Mary (Blair); m. (2) 4 Apr. 1861, Mary Jane Blanden, b. at Webster, Mich., 3 Apr. 1836, dau. of Jacob and Chloe Osborn (Allen). He settled in Kansas in June 1857; and was a member of Co. G, 2d Regt., State Militia. He was in active service only during the Price raid in Sept. and Oct. 1864. He was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church in Auburn and Burlingame. Children by second wife:

I. Erastus Loomis[9], b. 28 Apr. 1862; d. 24 May 1870.
II. Edward Martin, b. 29 June 1863.
III. Charles Allen, b. 29 Sept. 1866; d. 29 Nov. 1879.
IV. Lettie Blanden, b. 26 Dec. 1868.
V. George Chapman, b. 18 June 1872.

ii. Emeline A., b. 1 Sept. 1835; res. Rootstown, Ohio.

iii. Mary C., b. 17 July 1838; d. 7 Aug. 1839.

iv. Joel M., b. 3 Feb. 1842; a clergyman, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; grad. Western Reserve College; m. 1 Oct. 1873, Edna M. Speaker, b. at Minerva, Ohio, 22 Oct. 1847, dau. of William and Margaret E. (Zembourn). He enlisted in the 42d Regt., Ohio Vol. Inf., 16 Sept. 1861, and was discharged 30 Sept. 1864. Child:

I. Emma Marion[9], b. 26 Apr. 1875; m. Bertrand Paul Morsman of Brookfield, Mass.

v. Charles Rollin, b. 23 July 1845; grad. Western Reserve College; m. 11 Aug. 1874, Ella E. Buss, b. at Hudson, Ohio, in 1848, dau. of John and Eliza A. (Goodman). He was Pastor of Congregational Churches in Newburyport (1874-79), Winchester, Mass. (1879-88), and Bennington, Vt. (1888). Children:

I. John Buss[9], b. at Newburyport, 11 Feb. 1877; grad. Yale College, 1899; res. Chicago.
II. Margaret (twin), b. at Winchester, 2 Mar. 1881.
III. Mary (twin), b. at Winchester, 2 Mar. 1881.

vi. Lucy Celestia, b. 6 Mar. 1848; m. Robert Lewis, of Newton, Mass.

268. Ashbel Wellington[7] Seymour (*Erastus*[6], *Ashbel*[5], *Bevil*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 22 July 1811, died at Rootstown, Ohio, 13 Jan. 1892; married first, 23 Dec.

1843, JULIET PECK, who died at the Water Cure, Madison, Wis., 4 May 1858; married second, 26 July 1860, PERLEA M. LADD, who died at Rootstown, Ohio, 14 Feb. 1913.

He was a storekeeper, traveling salesman, and farmer.

Children by first wife:

i. HENRY GOODWIN[8], b. 20 Apr. 1845; d. in infancy.
ii. JOSEPHINE, b. 18 May 1846; m. Jan. 1866, ASA MAHAN SPELMAN.
iii. ALBERT BARNES, b. 9 Sept. 1850; m. Sept. 1875, ELLEN LEPER.
iv. IDA, b. 31 July 1854; unm.

Child by second wife:

v. FRANK LADD, b. 4 May 1861; unm.

269. JAMES WILBERFORCE[7] SEYMOUR (*Erastus*[6], *Ashbel*[5], *Bevil*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 22 Sept. 1813, died at Rootstown, Ohio, 3 Feb. 1889; married first, 17 Nov. 1836, MARY ANN BRADSHAW, born 16 July 1817, died 5 May 1852, daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Bristol); married second, at Rootstown, 11 Nov. 1852, CHARLOTTE NASH[7] PORTER, born at Hinsdale, Mass., 9 Sept. 1821, died at Rootstown, 24 Dec. 1912, daughter of James B.[6] (*David*[5], *James*[4], *Ichabod*[3], *Samuel*[2], *John*[1]) and Laurinda (Bridgman).

Children by first wife:

i. ELLEN ALTHEA[8], b. 5 Oct. 1837; d. 18 Aug. 1849.
ii. EMERY, b. 14 Aug. 1839; d. 15 Dec. 1840.
iii. JOSEPH BRADSHAW, b. 20 Jan. 1842; d. 22 Jan. 1843.
iv. JOHN QUINCY, b. 1 Nov. 1843; d. 3 Feb. 1845.
v. JAMES WELLS, b. 23 June 1846; m. 30 June 1868, LUCY W. PARSONS. Children:
    I. Julia P.[9], b. 22 Jan. 1869.
    II. Louis B., b. 14 June 1870; d. 29 Aug. 1878.
    III. Chauncey S., b. 1 Dec. 1872.
    IV. Esther M., b. 2 Sept. 1875.
    V. Myra L., b. 6 Feb. 1877.

Children by second wife:

vi. ERASTUS PORTER, b. 20 Aug. 1853; m. LAURINDA B. CARL.
vii. DOTHA CLARISSA, b. 5 Sept. 1856; m. at Rootstown, 31 Aug. 1887, WALTER JOHNSON DICKINSON, b. at Randolph, Ohio, 27 Jan. 1832, d. at Rootstown, 25 July 1899. No children.
viii. HENRY BRIDGMAN, b. 20 Jan. 1858; d. 20 Aug. 1858.
ix. WALTER HENRY, b. 17 Aug. 1859; m. GERTRUDE SHELDON.
x. PERLEA LAURINDA, b. 3 Dec. 1864; d. 2 Apr. 1867.

270. Frederick Wales[7] Seymour (*Bevil*[6], *Ashbel*[5], *Bevil*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 12 Mar. 1811, died at Ravenna, Ohio, 20 Nov. 1863; married first, 3 Dec. 1840, Eliza A. Dewey, born at Becket, Mass., 12 Mar. 1821, died at Ravenna, Ohio, 24 Oct. 1852; married second, 14 May 1855, Mary M. Curtis, born at Mt. Vernon, Maine, 14 May 1822, died 1 Jan. 1859; married third, 9 Sept. 1862, Mary Jane Smith, born 12 Apr. 1836, daughter of John Whorter and Mary Ann (Parks).

Children by first marriage all died in infancy, but one.

Child by first wife:

308. i. Henry Dewey[8], b. 2 Apr. 1843.

Child by second wife:

ii. Frederick Wales, b. 25 Apr. 1856; d. 13 Sept. 1857.

271. Henry[7] Seymour (*Bevil*[6], *Ashbel*[5], *Bevil*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 6 July 1813; married first, 17 Jan. 1836, Jane S. Barker, born 13 Aug. 1816, died 30 Mar. 1838, daughter of Oliver and Submit (Jones); married second, 21 Feb. 1839, Ann Eliza Carter, born at Otis, Mass., 25 Nov. 1816, daughter of William and Lucretia (Jones).

A merchant in Otis, Mass. Removed to Keokuk, Iowa, in 1855.

Child by first wife:

i. Bevil[8], b. 7 Dec. 1836; d. 20 Nov. 1838.

Children by second wife:

ii. Bevil, b. 5 May 1840; d. at St. Louis, Mo., 17 Oct. 1862; m. 1 Nov. 1861, Mary Angelia Henderschott. He was a machinist; enlisted in Co. B, 2d Regt., Iowa Vol. Inf., and died of wounds received at battle of Corinth, 4 Oct. 1862. Child:

I. Herbert Leroy[9], b. 25 Apr. 1862.

iii. Lucy Lucretia, b. 3 Aug. 1842; unm.

iv. William Carter, b. 24 Nov. 1844; d. 25 Nov. 1862.

v. Mary Eliza, b. 2 Dec. 1846; m. 1 Mar. 1871, Peter L. Hepler.

vi. Caleb Perkins, b. 21 June 1848; m. 23 June 1874, Christine Hamilton. He was a machinist; res. St. Louis, Mo. Children:

I. Ann Eliza[9], b. 3 Apr. 1875.
II. Edna Cooke, b. 7 July 1877; d. 16 July 1877.

vii. Henry, b. 1 Feb. 1852; d. 21 Mar. 1852.

viii. Nettie Jane, b. 17 May 1857; unm.

272. LEVERETT ASHBEL[7] SEYMOUR (*Bevil*[6], *Ashbel*[5], *Bevil*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 12 July 1816; married first, 8 Apr. 1841, CORINTHIA L. JUDD, born 29 Apr. 1821, died 7 Jan. 1857, daughter of Howard and Ruthalia (Carter); married second, 26 Oct. 1859, MARGARET JAMES, born 23 Dec. 1829, died 24 Apr. 1880.

He was a dealer in agricultural implements at Syracuse, Nebraska.

Children by first wife:

i. LUCY J.[8], b. 21 Jan. 1842; d. 1 Nov. 1842.

ii. MILES C., b. 3 Dec. 1845; res. Nebraska City, Neb.; m. 1 Sept. 1870, SHARILLA JUDD, b. at Ravenna, Ohio, 10 Jan. 1848, dau. of Zenas and Sophronia. Children:

I. Nettie C.[9], b. 10 Sept. 1871.
II. Gertrude B., b. 3 Mar. 1874; d. 17 June 1878.
III. Mary W., b. 11 Oct. 1876.

iii. LESTER P., b. 31 July 1848; a druggist, of Ravenna, Ohio; m. 7 Sept. 1870, S. FRANC JACKSON, b. at Ravenna, Ohio, 21 Aug. 1851, dau. of Andrew and Mabel (Doolittle). Child:

I. Howard Jackson[9], b. 15 Feb. 1881.

iv. NORA J., b. 6 Dec. 1850; d. 6 July 1858.

Children by second wife:

v. LUCY A., b. 19 Oct. 1860; unm. (1889).

vi. ANNIE F., b. 3 July 1863; unm. (1889).

vii. GEORGE L., b. 14 Oct. 1866.

viii. WALTER S., b. 11 July 1869.

ix. MARY L., b. 1 Apr. 1873.

273. CHARLES WILLARD[7] SEYMOUR (*Martin*[6], *Ashbel*[5], *Bevil*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 23 Aug. 1834, died at Payson, Ill., 11 Oct. 1898; married 14 May 1863, EMILY C. KAY, born 4 Mar. 1843, died at Quincy, Ill., in 1907, daughter of Robert and Cynthia (Burroughs).

He was a farmer; Protestant; Republican.

Children, born at Payson:

i. HENRY MARTIN[8], b. 9 June 1864; m. 29 Aug. 1895, LUCY WHITE NICHOLSON, b. 4 Nov. 1863, dau. of John and Mary Ann (Gilbert). Children:

I. Charles Willard[9], b. 22 Oct. 1898.
II. Mary Gaskin, b. 27 Sept. 1900.
III. Elizabeth, b. 30 Oct. 1904.

ii. LYMAN KAY, b. 2 Oct. 1865; m. (1) at Payson, 2 Feb. 1900, CARRIE (KAY) ROBBINS, b. 1 Feb. 1867, d. 17 Apr. 1901, dau. of

Oscar and Harriet (Scarborough) Kay, and widow of Cephas Robbins; m. (2) 29 Sept. 1904, AGNES JARRETT, b. 21 Oct. 1874, dau. of James and Anna (Bywater) of Quincy, Ill.; no children. He was a farmer and fruit grower; Congregationalist; Republican.

iii. JULIA ANNETTE, b. 27 Aug. 1867; d. 28 Feb. 1873.

iv. LOREN BUTLER, b. 12 Oct. 1869; res. South Pasadena, Calif.; m. 19 Aug. 1903, SUSAN BAXTER JARRETT, b. 21 Oct. 1874, dau. of James and Anna (Bywater), twin sister of his brother Lyman Kay's wife; no children.

v. STELLA MAY, b. 14 Apr. 1872; m. (1) 14 May 1899, JAMES ALBERT STARR; m. (2) 23 Dec. 1915, OLIVER G. STARR.

274. ALLEN[7] SEYMOUR (*Allen*[6], *Stephen*[5], *Joseph*[4], *Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Colebrook, Conn., about 1808, died at Colebrook River, 3 June 1887; married at Sandisfield, Mass., 8 Oct. 1829, LUCY SAGE DEMING, born at Sandisfield, Mass., 5 Jan. 1811, died there 28 June 1855, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Clark).

He was a farmer; Congregationalist; Republican.

Children:

i. ELIZABETH W.[8], b. ———; d. ———; m. WESLEY JACKSON.

ii. MELISSA A., b. 1833; m. DENNIS BAXTER.

iii. THOMAS A., b. about 1836; d. at Council Bluffs, Iowa, in 1867; m.; no issue. He was a soldier in the Civil War, a member of Co. L, First Connecticut Artillery.

iv. SYBELIA L., b. about 1838; d. at Fairfield, Iowa, 17 Apr. 1862; m. W. BENTON CULBERTSON, of Fairfield, Iowa.

309. v. FRANK CURTIS, b. 28 Apr. 1843.

310. vi. SIDNEY LESLIE, b. 28 Oct. 1845.

vii. ELLA M., b. 7 Mar. 1847; m. (1) at Council Bluffs, Iowa, 22 Nov. 1870, PETER DAVIS, b. at Rock Island, Ill., 10 Jan. 1847, d. at Council Bluffs, Iowa, 13 Mar. 1881; m. (2) 20 Nov. 1883, DR. JAMES B. LAWRENCE, b. 6 Sept. 1846, d. at Wichita, Kans., 28 May 1889.

viii. CORA, b. 4 Dec. 1850; m. at Colebrook, 4 July 1871, BURR SMITH BEECHER, JR., b. 21 Apr. 1848, res. (1919) Winchester Center, Conn.

275. JOSEPH LUCIUS[7] SEYMOUR (*Alva*[6], *Bildad*[5], *Samuel*[4], *Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), a farmer, born at Turin, Lewis County, N. Y., 31 Mar. 1831, on the farm where he died 22 Dec. 1918;

married at Houseville, N. Y., 5 Feb. 1866, LYDIA SACKETT, born at Houseville, 11 Jan. 1839, living 1919, daughter of Gad Sheldon and Elmina (Miller).

Mr. Seymour was a farmer and a man of high Christian character. In the church in which he had served so long he was held in highest esteem. July 24th, 1846, he united with the Presbyterian Church in Lyon Falls, and in 1868 was elected an elder to succeed his father, who was elected an elder in 1826, thus an eldership was held by father and son over a period of 92 years.

Children:

i. ARTHUR TRUMBULL[8], b. 17 Dec. 1866; d. 2 Feb. 1933; m. MARY JENNINGS of Mt. Vernon, N. Y. Children:

I. Katherine L.[9], m. ——— Martin of New York City.
II. Adele, m. Alfred Ceike of New York City.

ii. ALVA COWLES, b. 14 Dec. 1868; res. unm. on the homestead at Lyon Falls, N. Y.

iii. EDWARD LUCIUS, b. 16 Aug. 1871; m. 15 June 1910, NELLIE MILLER BROWN, b. 22 Nov. 1885, dau. of Robert and Josephine (Miller). They lived in Fort Apache, Ariz. Children:

I. John Lucius[9], b. at Rosebud, S. D., 1 Apr. 1917.
II. Ruth Jean, b. at Phoenix, Ariz., 17 Dec. 1919.
III. Paul Brown, b. at Phoenix, 18 Feb. 1922.

iv. MARY ESTELLE, b. 23 July 1873.

v. DWIGHT SHELDON, b. 27 Mar. 1876.

vi. THEODORE LYMAN, b. 30 Dec. 1877; m. at Turin, N. Y., 7 Sept. 1910, ABBIE L. ALLEN, b. 13 Sept. 1883. He was a farmer, of Sanquoit, Oneida County, N. Y., and El Cajon, Calif. Children:

I. June Ethelwyn[9], b. 17 June 1911.
II. Doris Allen, b. 1 Aug. 1912.

vii. EUGENE HOWARD, b. 4 July 1880; d. unm. 8 June 1908.

viii. CELESTIA RUTH, b. 28 July 1883; d. in infancy.

276. HENRY RUFUS[7] SEYMOUR (*Rufus*[6], *Samuel*[5], *Joseph*[4], *Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), a merchant, born at Colebrook, Conn., 8 July 1816, died at Hudson, Ohio, 8 Nov. 1864; married first, at Torrington, Conn., ANN POLLY GROSS, born about 1814, died at Hudson, 2 Sept. 1855; married second, at Westfield, Mass., SARAH ANN BUSH, born at Westfield, 17 Jan. 1823, died at Westfield, 5 Feb. 1881.

Children:

i. JAMES HENRY[8], b. at Colebrook, Conn., 16 July 1842; d. 27 June 1904; m. at Moyadove, Ohio, 9 Apr. 1888, MARTHA L. WEBB, b. at Moyadove, 12 Jan. 1866. Children:

I. Marion Louise[9], b. 29 Jan. 1889; m. Charles Raymond Hall.
II. Ruth Webb, b. 27 Mar. 1890.
III. James Henry, b. 7 June 1898.

ii. ANNA M., b. 29 July 1845; m. ZALMON B. ALLEE.

iii. ERNEST WILCOX, b. at Chicago, Ill., 26 Dec. 1856; m. at Hudson, Ohio, 13 Mar. 1878, LOTTIE ELIZABETH WATSON, b. at Middleburg, Ohio, 26 Mar. 1854. Children:

I. Maude Ernestine[9], b. 18 Oct. 1880.
II. Bessie Louise, b. 19 Sept. 1885.

277. HENRY[8] SEYMOUR (*Edmund*[7], *Elisha*[6], *Elisha*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at St. Albans, Vt., 10 Jan. 1803, died at Seneca Falls, N. Y., 3 Aug. 1878; married 7 May 1834, SUSAN CORNELL, born at New Paltz, N. Y., 4 Feb. 1810, died 11 Sept. 1890, daughter of Birdsall and Mary (Selleck).

He was the proprietor of the Seneca Falls International Yeast Co., a business which was afterwards carried on by his son and son-in-law.

Children, born at Seneca Falls, N. Y.:

i. MARY ABIGAIL[9], b. 7 Feb. 1835; d. 20 Feb. 1836.

ii. OPHELIA GIDNEY, b. 11 Mar. 1839; m. 26 Dec. 1867, HARRISON CHAMBERLAIN, b. at Seneca Falls, 12 Jan. 1837, s. of Jacob P. and Catharine (Kinney). Four children.

iii. MARIA VANDEVERE, b. 5 Aug. 1841; unm.; member of the D. A. R.

iv. HENRY BIRDSALL, b. 18 May 1843; d. 5 June 1869, unm.

v. SUSAN CORNELL, b. 20 May 1845; m. 1 Nov. 1866, JOSEPH H. KNIGHT, of Troy, N. Y.

vi. WILLIS TAYLOR, b. 16 Dec. 1851; d. at Seneca Falls, 20 Sept. 1905; m. at Fayette, N. Y., 31 Oct. 1890, MARY LUCRETIA AVERY, b. at Seneca Falls, 10 Nov. 1862, dau. of Zalmon Davies and Lucretia (Chamberlain). Child:

I. Susan[10], b. 7 July 1891.

278. ELISHA[8] SEYMOUR (*Edmund*[7], *Elisha*[6], *Elisha*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Skaneateles, N. Y., 27 Sept. 1823, died at St. Louis, Mo., 26 July 1902; married 2 Oct. 1844, POLLY ANN

WHITMAN, born at Fairfield, Herkimer Co., N. Y., 14 Jan. 1824, daughter of Rev. John I. and Maria (Eaton).

He was a hotel keeper.

Children:

i. IVERS W.[9], b. 31 Oct. 1846; d. 25 July 1847.
ii. LLOYD D., b. 29 July 1848; d. 21 May 1849.
iii. OTTO LYNN, b. at Manheim, N. Y., 1 Aug. 1852; d. 26 Sept. 1888; m. 28 Apr. 1874, SARAH J. FLETCHER. Children:

I. Ralph Fletcher[10], b. at Milan, Ill., 18 Mar. 1876; m. at Chicago, Ill., 1 Jan. 1902, Harriet Engle Brown, b. at Defiance, Ohio, 18 June 1873, dau. of Frank G. and Katherine (Oliver). Children:

(1) Ralph Fletcher[11], b. at Evanston, Ill., 28 Mar. 1904.
(2) Serena, b. 24 Jan. 1906.

II. Frederick Otto, b. at La Porte, Ind., 12 Sept. 1880; m. at La Porte, 31 July 1907, Elizabeth Arneda Doolittle, b. at Wanatah, Ind., 11 June 1880, dau. of Andrew Jackson and Eveline (Pike). Children:

(1) Robert Turnbull[11], b. 12 Aug. 1908.
(2) Elizabeth Evelyn, b. 27 Sept. 1910.
(3) Ruth, b. 11 Apr. 1915; d. ae. 15 mos.

III. Laura, b. at La Porte, 3 Apr. 1882; m. at La Porte, 17 Oct. 1906, William Taylor, b. at Youngstown, Ohio, 12 Feb. 1880, s. of W. E. and Mary (Holly). Children:

(1) Sarah Jane[11], b. 23 Oct. 1907.
(2) Julia Louise, b. 12 Sept. 1911.

iv. LILIE M., b. 16 Sept. 1854; m. 19 Sept. 1876, PAYTON R. KEIM of Marshalltown, Iowa.
v. ANNIE, b. 4 Nov. 1863; res. Chicago, Ill.

RALPH FLETCHER[10] SEYMOUR (1876-) was educated at La Porte High School; studied architecture and figure at Cincinnati Art Academy; in Europe and Italy, 1903, 1913 and 1927; newspaper artist, 1898-9; publisher, Chicago, since 1899, designing type, borders, initials, etc., and issuing numerous fine editions of classics of English and foreign literature, privately printed. Instructor in composition and illustration, Art Institute of Chicago, 1907-17; etcher. Member and officer of Chicago Etchers Society, exhibiting his work at all general exhibitions. His etchings are in the permanent collections of the Sorbonne, Paris, Art Institute of Chicago, National Arts Club, Washington, and New York Public Library. He is secretary of the Chicago Indian Rights Association. He was twice awarded the

Hoosier Art Salon prize for etchings, also the Chicago Etchers Society prize for etching. He is author of *Across the Gulf*. Club: Cliff Dwellers.

279. MILTON W.[8] SEYMOUR (*Hardy*[7], *Enos*[6], *Elisha*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born in Eastern New York, 4 Jan. 1824, died at Dansville, Livingston Co., N. Y., 20 Dec. 1869; married 15 Feb. 1854, SARAH I. WILKINSON, born in Lincolnshire, England, 25 Feb. 1835, died at Dansville, N. Y., Dec. 1912.

Children:

i. CHARLES HARDY[9], b. in 1854.

ii. PLINY BERTHIER, b. at Dansville, 26 Aug. 1857; in insurance business, and an author; m. at Geneseo, N. Y., 17 June 1882, LOUISA M. BRAGGINS, b. at Geneseo, 20 Mar. 1857; res. (1919) Geneseo. Children:

I. Lena L.[10], b. 9 Sept. 1884.
II. Evelyn L. M., b. 30 May 1890.
III. Pliny Berthier, b. 16 Mar. 1892.
IV. Lulu E., b. 1 Feb. 1895.

iii. LILLIE M., b. 5 Nov. 1859; m. CHARLES DRAPER.

iv. ANNA E., b. 22 Apr. 1861; m. I. F. HAMPTON.

280. JOHN[8] SEYMOUR (*Chester*[7], *Enos*[6], *Elisha*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Lee, Mass., 3 Oct. 1820, died at Chatham, N. Y., 26 July 1902; married at Van Deusenville, Mass., 18 Nov. 1845, MERCY F. ASHLEY, born at Malden Bridge, N. Y., 7 July 1825, died at Chatham, N. Y., 3 Feb. 1914.

He was a tailor, of Westfield, Mass., and Chatham, N. Y.

Children:

i. FRANCES M.[9], b. 3 July 1846; unm.

ii. HARVEY A., b. 22 Nov. 1847; res. (1919) Chatham, N. Y.; m. at Chatham, 17 Oct. 1876, NELLIE HAWLEY, b. at Chatham, 6 Nov. 1855. Children:

I. Harold H.[10], b. 28 June 1878.
II. Charles K., b. 9 Jan. 1882; engineer, res. (1919) Chatham; m. at Chatham, 1 Nov. 1910, Florence White, b. at Chatham, 2 Jan. 1885. Children:

(1) Edward W.[11], b. 16 Dec. 1911.
(2) Thomas C., b. 24 Mar. 1914.
(3) Harold H., b. 22 Sept. 1917.

iii. ELLIS S., b. 29 Jan. 1849; unm.

iv. CHESTER J., b. 11 Apr. 1851.

v. Reuben W., b. 6 July 1856; m. Carrie Stewart.
vi. Edward S., b. 5 June 1858; m. Alice Lamphear.
vii. Herbert M., b. 7 May 1860; m. Eva Wooden.
viii. Hattie May, b. 10 May 1866; m. William C. Woodward.
ix. Helen Louisa, b. 10 Sept. 1870; m. Charles F. Staats.

281. Alfred[8] Seymour (*Asa*[7], *Asa*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Rootstown, Ohio, 6 Sept. 1814, died at New Haven, Conn., 25 May 1876; a farmer; married at Granville, Mass., 1 Jan. 1837, Achsah King, born at Suffield, Conn., 3 Jan. 1810, died at Granville, 24 Oct. 1871.

Children:

i. Buell[9], b. 15 July 1840; d. at Rockville, Conn., 19 Jan. 1914; m. at Granville, 1 Jan. 1865, Ellen Sophia Bancroft, b. at Scitico, Conn., 4 Oct. 1847, res. (1919) Springfield, Mass., dau. of Charles B. and Eunice. Children:

I. Amila Eveline[10], b. at Tekama, Burt Co., Neb., 2 Feb. 1867; m. at South Hadley, Mass., 14 Jan. 1890, Silas John Watts, b. at Mooers, N. Y., 18 Mar. 1867, a paper maker, res. (1919) Springfield, Mass.
II. Clara Albina, b. 3 Jan. 1870; unm.
III. Charles Sumner (twin), b. 16 Nov. 1874; d. 18 Aug. 1875.
IV. Susan May (twin), b. 16 Nov. 1874; m. Joseph C. McVeigh.

ii. Albina, b. 18 Dec. 1841; d. 1 Oct. 1848.
iii. Mary Etta, b. 22 June 1843; d. at New Haven, Conn., 10 June 1876; m. 1 Jan. 1868, Andrew Jackson Hill of New Haven. Two children.
iv. Emeric, b. 24 Aug. 1846; d. 31 Aug. 1874; m. 1 Jan. 1872, Mary Wilson. Child:

I. Henry Wilson[10], b. 2 Apr. 1873; res. (1919) Suffield, Conn.

v. Merrill, b. 27 Nov. 1848; d. 24 Mar. 1902; m. Alice ———. Children: Cora[10] and another.

282. Asa Noble[8] Seymour (*Asa*[7], *Asa*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Granville, Mass., 28 Nov. 1824, died at Mazomanie, Wis., 14 Jan. 1904; married 18 Apr. 1853, Lucina D. Myers, born at Frankfort, N. Y., 31 July 1825, died at Mazomanie, Dane Co., Wis., 27 Aug. 1911.

Children, two born at Prairie du Sac, five at Mazomanie, Wis.:

i. HATTIE AMILA[9], b. 3 Mar. 1854; d. 26 Jan. 1873.

ii. CHARLES ASA, b. 5 Aug. 1855; living (1908) at Denver, Colo.; m. at Mazomanie, Wis., 3 Jan. 1878, ALMAH A. WHITMAN, b. at Rochester, Wis., 31 Jan. 1856. Retail merchant; Congregationalist; Republican. They reside (1919) in San Diego, Calif. Children:

I. Clyde Whitman[10], b. 13 Feb. 1879; m. at Craig, Colo., 6 Feb. 1900, Florence Elsie Tucker. Business: retail druggist. Children:

(1) Harold Ernest[11], b. 5 May 1901.
(2) Clyde Winston, b. 19 June 1908.
(3) Charles Arthur, b. 8 May 1915.

II. Ida Lucinda, b. 3 Dec. 1887.

III. Edgar Asa, b. 3 Mar. 1891.

IV. Alva Noble, b. 3 Jan. 1894; m. at Denver, Colo., 10 Nov. 1915, June Clements Spratten, b. 26 June 1893. Occupation: wholesale groceries, buyer. They reside (1919) in Denver, Colo. Children:

(1) Robert Spratten[11], b. 11 Oct. 1916; d. 14 Oct. 1916.
(2) Jane Kennedy, b. 11 Apr. 1919.

V. Mary Albee, b. 15 July 1898.

iii. WILLIAM BLISS, b. 5 July 1857; m. 10 Apr. 1883, NELLIE EARLE, b. at Michigan City, Ind., 4 Feb. 1862. Children, first b. at Moline, Kans., others at Wellington, Kans.:

I. Daughter[10], b. 10 May 1886; d. same day.

II. Mary Irene, b. 2 Mar. 1890.

III. Asa Earle, b. 2 Nov. 1893.

iv. ARTHUR MYERS, b. 23 Mar. 1859; m. at Craig, Colo., 6 Feb. 1906, EFFIE MARY (MCKISSACK) FLETCHER.

v. MARY ALICE, b. 26 Mar. 1861; d. 19 Oct. 1871.

vi. LILLIE ISABEL, b. 13 Mar. 1863; m. 10 Aug. 1890, JULIUS BUTZ, b. at Sauk City, Wis. Res. Mazomanie, Wis.

vii. MARSHALL HENRY, b. 21 July 1865; d. 11 Sept. 1866.

283. ARDON AUGUSTUS[8] SEYMOUR (*Ardon*[7], *Asa*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Granville, Mass., 1 Apr. 1818, died 16 Feb. 1901; married 18 Apr. 1841, DESIRE[7] LOOMIS, born at Granby, Conn., 20 June 1818, died 22 Feb. 1894, daughter of Philander D.[6] (*Abel*[5], *Abel*[4], *John*[3], *Joseph*[2], *Joseph*[1]) and Desire (Booth).

Children:

i. JULIA AUGUSTA[9], b. 20 Jan. 1842; d. 23 Aug. 1848.
ii. ISABELLA ORPHA, b. 8 Oct. 1843; d. 25 Jan. 1890; m. 28 Nov. 1867, JOHN BACON BROWN, who d. 15 Oct. 1898.
iii. CLINTON AUGUSTUS, b. 4 May 1846; d. 29 June 1851.
iv. SOPHIA ALICE, b. 17 June 1848; d. 10 Oct. 1849.
v. BYRON JOHN, b. 11 Sept. 1850; d. *s.p.* 20 May 1897; m. Apr. 1876, LOTTIE A. MERRITT.
vi. BELA COLLINS, b. 20 Aug. 1855; m. 26 Apr. 1882, MARY E. DAY. Children:
    I. Edith Day[10], b. 2 Sept. 1887.
    II. Mildred Pearl, b. 20 Sept. 1894.
vii. FRANK HOWARD, b. 20 July 1857; m. 3 June 1891, MATTIE ADAMS FINNEY. Children:*
    I. Rodney Ardon[10], b. 11 Nov. 1904; d. 31 Jan. 1905.
viii. GEORGE LESTER, b. at Bloomfield, Conn., 20 Apr. 1859, living (1909) at Gildersleeve, Conn.; m. 27 Aug. 1890, MARY ELIZABETH (DRAYER) SEYMOUR, b. at Newfield, Conn., 31 Dec. 1861, dau. of Martin Leo and Helen Elizabeth (Gafney) Drayer. Children:†
    I. George Augustus[10], b. 2 Mar. 1899.

284. (REV.) BELA NEWTON[8] SEYMOUR (*Ardon*[7], *Asa*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Granville, Mass., 25 Mar. 1829, died at Stockbridge, Mass., 28 Feb. 1903; married at Triangle, Broome County, N. Y., 28 June 1855, EMILY MORSE, born at Triangle, 26 Mar. 1836, died at Washington, D. C., 13 Nov. 1901, daughter of John Sanford and Ann (Parsons).

He was graduated from Williams College, 1852, and Union Theological Seminary, 1855, and became a Congregational minister. His wife was graduated at Mt. Holyoke, 1855.

Children:

i. JOHN[9], b. 8 Mar. 1857; d. 1857.
ii. ALFRED MORSE, b. at Alvarado, Calif., 30 Sept. 1859; grad. Amherst College, 1880; M.D.; m. at Philadelphia, Pa., 20 Sept. 1892, ELIZABETH CARTER HICKLING; res. Fort Washington, Pa.
iii. EDWARD PARSONS, b. at Alameda, Calif., 11 Dec. 1861; grad. Amherst College, 1884; a Congregational minister; m. at Northampton, Mass., 7 July 1885, MARY PRESTON FISHER, b. at

* There was also an adopted daughter, Ruth Isabella, b. 29 Sept. 1905.
† A stepson, John Henry Seymour, m. Jessie Hollister.

Gouverneur, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., 19 Mar. 1858, dau. of Isaac Preston and Clarissa M. (Smith). Three adopted children.*

iv. MARY LAURA, b. at Haywards, Calif., 25 Mar. 1865; d. 15 Oct. 1880.

285. JAMES HOWARD[8] SEYMOUR (*Ardon*[7], *Asa*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Granville, Mass., 26 Apr. 1834, died at Plainville, Conn., 5 Oct. 1906; married at Milford, Conn., 4 May 1856, MARTHA DORINDA PALMER, born at Messina, N. Y., 15 Nov. 1833, living 1919, daughter of William and Seba (Tenny).

Children, born at Granville, Mass.:

i. ROLLA NEWTON[9], b. 20 July 1859; m. (1) at Beresford, Fla., 18 Dec. 1882, ELIZA J. BAILEY, b. 7 Oct. 1858, d. *s.p.* at DeLand, Fla., 21 Sept. 1883, dau. of William; m. (2) at Tampa, Fla., 7 Apr. 1891, Gertrude L. Woodrough, b. at Bernardston, Mass., 20 Mar. 1874, dau. of James P. and Ellen (Philips). Children by second wife:

I. Dora Ellen[10], b. 25 Jan. 1892; d. 23 Oct. 1898.
II. Gracie May, b. 14 Dec. 1893; d. 28 Oct. 1898.
III. Howard Proctor, b. 1 Oct. 1895; d. 28 Nov. 1898.
IV. Caro Philips, b. 4 Nov. 1897; d. 6 Nov. 1898.
V. Rolla Newton, b. 27 Oct. 1899.
VI. Dorothy Gertrude, b. 4 Mar. 1902.

ii. RALPH ERSKINE, b. 11 Sept. 1861; m. at Burg Hill, Ohio, 27 May 1885, LIBBIE BOND CHAPMAN, b. at Burg Hill, 18 July 1859. Child:

I. Frances Marie[10], b. at Peoria, Ill., 16 Aug. 1890.

iii. JOHN HOWARD, b. 5 May 1863; m. at Peoria, Ill., 1 Nov. 1894, SUSIE MILLER BROWN, b. at Lincoln, Ill., 28 Aug. 1865, dau. of George A. and Susan (Miller). He was Southwestern agent, Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Co., res. (1919) Peoria, Ill. Children:

I. Emily Brown[10], b. 25 June 1901; d. 25 June 1901.
II. Ruth Marian, b. 21 July 1906.

iv. CHARLES CURTIS, b. 19 Aug. 1865; m. (1) at Plainville, Conn., 22 Nov. 1887, ALICE ROSE LINCOLN, b. at Manchester, Vt., 3 Apr. 1863, d. at Hartford, Conn., 1 Aug. 1916, dau. of Leonard Henry

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* Arthur Lockhart, b. 28 Aug. 1891; Ruth, b. 1894; Mary Esther, b. 10 Oct. 1895.

and Mary Jane (Cook); m. (2) MARGARET (ROBERTS) PARSONS. Children by first wife:

I. Ralph Lincoln[10], b. 9 Nov. 1889; m. Naomi Hart.
II. Irma Dora, b. 15 Nov. 1892; m. at Plainville, Conn., 14 June 1916, Harold Leslie Parmelee, a chemist, b. 13 Jan. 1890.
III. Kenneth Munroe, b. 11 Aug. 1899.

v. CLARA REED, b. 3 Mar. 1871; m. CHARLES H. BRONSON. No children.

286. WILLIAM COLLINS[8] SEYMOUR (*William*[7], *Asa*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at East Granville, Mass., 26 Apr. 1819, died at Suffield, Conn., 15 Apr. 1886; married at Suffield, in 1846, ESTHER DOOLEY, born in Ireland, 10 Apr. 1826, died at Suffield, 17 July 1906.

Children:

i. HENRY WILLIAM[9], b. 22 July 1847; d. at Hartford, Conn., 19 Dec. 1877; a carpenter; m. 9 May 1872, LILLIE ELIZABETH LEVIERGE of Suffield, b. 12 Feb. 1852. Children:

I. Albert Henry[10], b. at East Windsor, Conn., 30 Jan. 1873; res. (1919) East Hartford, Conn.; m. at Glastonbury, Conn., 9 Sept. 1897, Clara Bell Stanton, b. at East Windsor, 22 Jan. 1871.
II. Francis Leslie, b. 6 Mar. 1875; d. 20 Aug. 1876.

ii. LESLIE COLLINS, b. 13 Mar. 1849; res. Windsor Locks, Conn.; m. 26 May 1875, ALICE E. MORAN; no issue.
iii. CORDELIA MARIA, b. 24 July 1852; unm.
iv. EDWIN SELDEN, b. 14 Apr. 1859; a tobacco grower; m. at West Suffield, Conn., 3 Feb. 1892, SARAH JANE SHELDON of West Suffield, b. 5 Dec. 1863. Children, b. at Suffield:

I. Harriet Esther[10], b. 30 Oct. 1892.
II. Carolyn Mae, b. 25 Mar. 1894.
III. Mary Emma, b. 26 Aug. 1895.
IV. Ruby Sheldon, b. 12 Dec. 1896; d. 14 Mar. 1903.
V. Francis Mather, b. 24 Dec. 1898.
VI. Henry William, b. 17 Aug. 1900.
VII. Marshall Leslie, b. 17 July 1903.

v. MARY EMMA, b. 1 Dec. 1864; unm.

287. HARVEY[8] SEYMOUR (*William*[7], *Asa*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), married first, CAROLINE VASHTI ADAMS, born at

Simsbury, Conn., 20 Feb. 1829, died there 9 Sept. 1853, daughter of Abel and Vashti (Griswold); married twice thereafter, details not learned.

Child by second marriage:

i. THOMAS[9], m. (1) KATE RUTHERFORD; m. (2) SARAH BARNES. Children by first wife:

I. William Harvey[10].
II. Mary Elizabeth.
III. Jennie Louise.

Children by second wife:

IV. Porter Ingalls.
V. Lillian Maud Adams.
VI. Melvin Chester.

288. MILTON ELIJAH[8] SEYMOUR (*William*[7], *Asa*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), died at Big Pond, Bradford Co., Pa., 13 Jan. 1883; married first, CLARA HIGGINS of Suffield; married second, 7 Jan. 1864, ANN MCAFEE, born 16 Mar. 1843.

Children by first wife:

i. TIRZAH ELVIRA[9], b. 8 Dec. 1852; m. 26 July 1874, ELLIOT U. WILCOX, b. 5 June 1828, d. 19 Oct. 1900.
ii. FRANCES MANDANA, b. 2 May 1854; m. 20 Sept. 1869, WELLS LEONARD, b. 26 Sept. 1847.
iii. SARAH MARIAH, b. 15 Sept. 1856; m. 3 Oct. 1877, CHARLES WATSON ROBERTS, b. 19 Feb. 1840, d. 10 Dec. 1907.
iv. WILLIAM WILSON, m. IDA MAHOOD. Three children, of whom two were:

I. Milton[10].
II. Electa.

Children by second wife:

v. MARYETT, b. 4 Dec. 1864; m. 18 Feb. 1891, WILLIAM LUCIUS PHELPS, b. 30 Jan. 1864.
vi. JULIA ALICE, m. JAMES BYRON LEONARD.
vii. PRUDENCE EMMA, b. at Springfield, Pa.; m. 5 Jan. 1887, FRED BELA SEYMOUR.
viii. ASA MILTON, b. at Big Pond, Pa., 7 Nov. 1870; res. (1919) Yakima, Wash., on a large fruit farm; m. 18 Dec. 1890, CLARA BELL REMINGTON, b. at Mt. Clemens, Mich., 6 June 1868. Child:

I. Esther Remington[10], b. 26 Nov. 1897.

ix. ORIN, b. 2 Jan. 1873; d. 7 Feb. 1882.
x. ELLEN, b. Dec. 1875; d. May 1876.
xi. ARDON THEODORE, b 10 May 1876[?]; m. 23 Jan. 1907, PEARL M. ROBERTS, b. 9 Oct. 1883. Children:

I. Neva Roberts[10], b. 22 Sept. 1907.
II. Marshall.
III. Ardena.

289. ASA[8] SEYMOUR (*William*[7], *Asa*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 11 June 1828; married at Franklin, N. Y., 5 Mar. 1857, LAURA PHILURA FRAIL, born at Franklin, 6 Sept. 1827, daughter of Joseph and Esther (Wells).

Children, born at Granville, Mass.:

i. ALICE MARIA[9] (twin), b. 16 Dec. 1857; m. 17 Oct. 1882, MARCUS MORTON PORTER.
ii. ALTON MARSHALL (twin), b. 16 Dec. 1857; unm.
iii. FRED BELA, b. 11 Oct. 1861; m. 5 Jan. 1887, his cousin, PRUDENCE EMMA[9] SEYMOUR, b. at Springfield, Pa., dau. of Milton[8] and Ann (McAfee). Children, b. at Granville:

I. Lucy[10], b. 12 Dec. 1887.
II. Laura Ann, b. 6 Nov. 1888.

290. EDGAR HURLBUT[8] SEYMOUR (*Mason*[7], *Nathaniel*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at West Hartford, Conn., 18 Mar. 1822, died there 30 Nov. 1906; married first, LOVINA KIBBE, of Somers; married second, HARRIET AUGUSTA (———) LAMB, who died 8 Dec. 1919, aged 87.

He was a farmer; a Protestant; and in politics, a Democrat. He served two terms as Selectman; member of First Church, and of Wyllys Lodge, A. F. and A. M.

Children by first wife:

i. LEVERETT KIBBE[9], b. 4 Sept. 1847; d. 30 Oct. 1918, unm.; an investment broker.
ii. WILLIAM EDGAR, b. 29 Sept. 1849; d. 28 Jan. 1905; m. 7 June 1883, MARGARET L. SOECKEL, b. 9 Nov. 1851. He was a farmer and carpenter; Registrar of Electors several years, and member of the Board of Assessors at the time of his death. He was a member of the First Church, and of Wyllys Lodge, A. F. and A. M. Children:

I. Leon[10] (twin), b. Jan. 1885, d. young.
II. Carl (twin), b. Jan. 1885, d. young.

III. Olive Louise, b. 5 Sept. 1887; m. at West Hartford, 5 Sept. 1911, James Roman Miller, b. at Butte, Mont., 28 Feb. 1876.
IV. Helen Victoria, b. 12 Feb. 1896.
V. Margaret, b. 12 Oct. 1899.

iii. Nellie Josephine, b. 1 Sept. 1851; m. William S. Goodwin.
iv. Emma Adelaide, b. 29 July 1853; m. Edward C. Butler.

Child by second wife:

v. Charles Mason, b. 6 July 1869; a machinist, of West Hartford.

291. William[8] Seymour (*Jeremiah*[7], *John*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Talcottville, 13 Apr. 1815, died at Port Leyden, N. Y., 31 Dec. 1887; married Harriet Ann Damon, born 18 June 1809, died at Port Leyden, 22 May 1881.

He was a cabinet-maker.

Children:

i. Salome Ann[9], b. 25 Oct. 1841; d. 14 Sept. 1858.
ii. Sarah Elizabeth, b. 7 Mar. 1843; m. Clarence Sears.
iii. William Henry, b. 11 Apr. 1844; killed at Arlington Heights in 1865.
iv. Emma Jennet, b. 8 Nov. 1846; m. Dennis Coe.
v. George Kellogg, b. at Turin, Lewis Co., N. Y., 1 May 1848; d. 22 Sept. 1916; m. at Port Leyden, 16 Nov. 1871, Mary Anna Jacobie, b. 1 July 1852, d. 21 Oct. 1918. He was a carpenter, owned a saw and planing mill, and installed the electric light plant at Port Leyden, where he lived. Children:

I. Estella May[10], b. 11 Aug. 1872.
II. Grace Laura, b. 16 Aug. 1875; d. at Williamstown, N. J., 13 Feb. 1901; m. Charles Cline Hand, b. at Williamstown, 18 Aug. 1869, d. at Millville, N. J., 10 Apr. 1916, s. of George and Matilda (Bingham).
III. Clara Jacobie, b. 29 July 1879; d. at Leyden, 23 June 1897; m. Oscar Carlon Thayer, b. at Leyden, 4 Apr. 1863, d. there 18 Feb. 1916, s. of Orin and Sarah J. (Lewis).

vi. Julia Amanda, b. 27 Aug. 1849; d. 16 Nov. 1934; m. at Port Leyden, N. Y., 12 June 1878, John Hannibal Crofoot, b. at Constableville, Lewis Co., N. Y., 13 July 1848, d. 21 Dec. 1919, s. of John and Louise (Rea).

292. HENRY[8] SEYMOUR (*Ebenezer*[7], *William*[6], *William*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Albion, N. Y., 22 Mar. 1833, died at New York, N. Y., 13 Sept. 1892; married at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 9 Dec. 1858, CORNELIA BROWNE TROWBRIDGE, born 8 Sept. 1835, died 24 July 1897.

He was a shears and scissors manufacturer; Presbyterian; Republican.

Children:

i. HENRY TROWBRIDGE[9], b. 24 July 1860; m. at New York, N. Y., 1 Nov. 1893, ELIZABETH DAMROSCH, b. 17 May 1872. He was an export merchant; Presbyterian; res. New York City. Children:

I. Lawrence Damrosch[10], b. 25 Apr. 1895; served as an officer in the World War in France.
II. Clara Damrosch, b. 2 Feb. 1897.
III. Elizabeth Trowbridge, b. 28 Sept. 1898.
IV. Ruth, b. 12 Mar. 1900.

ii. CHARLES HOE, b. 3 Aug. 1863; unm. (1919).
iii. JULIA TROWBRIDGE, b. 14 Feb. 1866; d. 21 Jan. 1899.
iv. STEWART KENNEDY, b. 21 Mar. 1874; d. 7 Jan. 1875.

293. EDWARD[8] SEYMOUR (*Ebenezer*[7], *William*[6], *William*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Bloomfield, N. J., 1 Apr. 1835, died 28 Apr. 1877; married 22 Sept. 1859, SARAH JANE SHERWOOD, born 29 June 1836.

He was graduated from Yale College, 1857, and soon after became connected with *The New York Times*, where he was promoted to more and more responsible positions. He was for a time the literary editor. His capacity for labor was prodigious, and he could sit down at any hour of the day or night and write a paragraph or an article on any topic. At the same time, he was correspondent of four English journals, and did much to influence British opinion during the Civil War.

In 1868, Mr. Charles Scribner offered Mr. Seymour a position in his publishing house, and he became a partner of the house after Mr. Scribner's death. He had charge of its literary business, such as passing on manuscripts and dealing with authors, a labor for which his tact and gentleness well fitted him. Though his name did not always appear, many excellent articles in Scribner's Magazine and

elsewhere were from his pen. "All who knew him not only respected him for his talents, but loved him for his beautiful character." He was modest and unobtrusive; and deeply religious. His father was a Presbyterian minister; his father-in-law was Rev. Dr. Sherwood, of the Presbyterian and Princeton Review.

Children:

i. James Sherwood[9], b. 22 Oct. 1860; m. at Trinity Church, Newark, N. J., 18 June 1887, Martha Steever Palmer, b. at Morristown, N. J., 21 Sept. 1856. Children:

I. Edward Palmer[10], b. at New York City, 18 June 1888; m. at Summit, N. J., 25 Sept. 1915, Alice Barhyt Hovey. Child:

(1) Edward Hovey[11], b. 22 Sept. 1916.

II. Martha Palmer, b. 6 May 1890; d. 9 July 1890.

III. Theodore Palmer, b. 18 Dec. 1891.

IV. Laura Sherwood, b. 16 Feb. 1893.

V. Jane Katherine, b. 24 Mar. 1898.

ii. Jane Carpenter, b. 30 Apr. 1862; d. 1 Apr. 1895.

iii. Mary, b. at Bloomfield, N. J., 19 July 1868; m. 11 June 1890, George Rice Carpenter, b. 25 Oct. 1863, d. 9 Apr. 1909.*

294. George Masters[8] Seymour (*Ebenezer*[7], *William*[6], *William*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 24 July 1845; married 7 Oct. 1869, Anna Harrison Rundell, born at Bloomfield, N. J., 4 Oct. 1847.

Children:

i. Alice[9], b. 7 Oct. 1870; d. 1 Feb. 1871.

ii. James Rundell, b. 14 May 1872; m. 17 Aug. 1891, Mary Vincent O'Neil.

iii. Anna, b. 18 July 1876; m. 21 Sept. 1898, Robert Douglas Carter.

iv. Grover Crowell, b. 6 Feb. 1880; m. at Glenridge, N. J., 3 Apr. 1906, Ethel Sanborn Traver. Child:

I. Alexander Traver[10], b. at Glenridge, 13 June 1907.

v. George Masters, b. 21 May 1882; d. 10 May 1905.

295. Ralph Cowles[8] Seymour (*Lot Norton*[7], *Noah*[6], *William*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Burlington, Conn., 26 Dec. 1812, died at sea of yellow fever en route to California, 11 July 1856;

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* Their daughter, Margaret[10] Carpenter, m. Henry Barber Richardson, and had (with others) Margaret Seymour[11] Richardson, b. 4 May 1917, m. 1 July 1937, John Lawrence Angel, *q.v.*

married first, at Granby, Conn., 29 Sept. 1833, SUSAN MINERVA DRAKE, born at Barkhamsted, Conn., 9 May 1813, died at New Hartford, Conn., 26 Aug. 1849, daughter of Joseph and Rachel (Allen); married second, Jan. 1850, IRENE MARY DRAKE, born at Barkhamsted, 29 Sept. 1822, died at New Hartford, 13 Dec. 1850, daughter of Joseph and Rachel (Allen).

Like his brother, Henry Albert, he had a long oval face, dark hair, and bushy eye-brows and a serious nature. He died rather tragically at sea, on board the steamer "Northern Light," before the author was born. Reference was sometimes made to Uncle Ralph's death at sea and his trunk and papers. I have often wondered how he came to be named Ralph Cowles.

Children by first wife, born at New Hartford:

i. ANN ELIZA[9], b. 16 Sept. ——; m. JOHN VADAKIN, of Ludlow, Mass.

ii. CARLTON, b. 11 July 1838; d. at Hartford, Conn., 1 Nov. 1917; m. at New Hartford, 17 Sept. 1859, CLARI GLASSON, b. at New York, N. Y., 23 Aug. 1840, d. at Hartford, 1916, dau. of James and Sophia Frances (Jones), who were from London, Eng. Children, b. at New Hartford (except third child, b. at Fort Seldon, N. M.):

I. Annie Belinda[10], b. 10 June 1860; d. at New York, N. Y., 19 May 1864.

II. Harriet Eliza, b. 6 Feb. 1862; d. ———; m. (1) at New Hartford, 22 Jan. 1883, Alfred Moore, b. ———, d. at Winsted, Conn., 15 July 1890, s. of Franklin and Maria (Roberts) Moore, and grandson of Sylvanus and Lucinda (Spencer) Moore, his grandmother being sister of his wife's grandmother, Belinda (Spencer) Seymour; m. (2) John B. Adams. Children by first husband, b. at Winsted: 1. *Beatrice*, b. 4 Nov. 1883. 2. *Franklin Seymour*, b. 3 July 1885. 3. *Carlton*, b. 22 Oct. 1887. 4. *Alfred*, b. 17 Sept. 1889.

III. Amy Sophia Minerva, b. 6 Jan. 1867; m. at New Hartford, 13 Oct. 1886, Frederick Andrew Jewell, b. at Salisbury, Conn., 14 Sept. 1858, d. ———, s. of Dea. Oliver and Mary Eleanor (Walton). He was admitted to the Conn. Bar in 1881, and practised in New Hartford, where he was Judge of Probate from 1884 until his death. She also studied law and was admitted to the Bar. Child: 1. *Oliver Seymour*, b. at New Hartford, 1 Jan. 1888. Educated at Yale, his health failed and he went to New Mexico, where he died; a strikingly handsome and promising youth.

IV. Clari Louise, b. 4 Sept. 1868.

V. Catharine, b. 28 Dec. 1870.

VI. Ralph Richard, b. 22 Oct. 1872; res. Windsor, Conn.; a salesman and newsdealer; below medium height, dark in complexion, black-haired; m. at Windsor, 8 Apr. 1910, Mabel Ruth Green, b. at Ware, Mass., 24 Dec. 1880, dau. of John Burke and Mary Ella (Cushman). Child:

(1) Ralph Green[11], b. at Windsor, 20 May 1911; m. 18 Jan. 1936, Virginia McVeigh of Agawam, Mass., b. at Springfield, Mass., 31 Mar. 1914. They have a daughter, Elizabeth McVeigh[12], b. at Springfield, Mass., 24 Dec. 1936, bapt. at Grace Episcopal Church, Windsor, Conn., 27 Mar. 1937.

iii. ALBERT ALLEN, b. 26 June 1843; d. at Bristol, Conn., 14 Apr. 1903; m. at Bristol, 30 Nov. 1866, LUCY LEE, b. at Bristol, 16 Feb. 1845, d. at Waterbury, Conn., 14 July 1900, dau. of Lester Rodney and Lucinda (Norton), a descendant of John[1] Lee of Farmington. Children, first b. at Riverton, others at Bristol, Conn.:

I. Lillian Lee[10], b. 9 Sept. 1867; d. at Waterbury, Conn., May 1909; m. William A. Wilcox. Child: 1. *Doris Lillian*, b. abt. 1905.

II. Alberta Mary, b. 8 Feb. 1869.

III. Carlton Henry, b. 15 Nov. 1871; d. at Waterbury, Conn., 27 July 1911. He was a brass roller in the employ of the Scoville Manufacturing Company.

IV. Harry Lee, b. 9 Feb. 1875.

iv. GEORGE DUANE, b. Jan. 1849; d. 2 Oct. 1849.

CARLTON[9] SEYMOUR (1838-1917) entered military service 7 Aug. 1862, during the Civil War, in Co. F, 2d Regt., Conn. Vol. Heavy Artillery, and for a year was a Sergeant in the 19th Conn. Infantry. He was commissioned 2d Lieutenant in the 2d U. S. Colored Infantry, 17 Aug. 1863, and was mustered out at the expiration of his term of service, 5 Jan. 1866. He enlisted in the regular army, and was appointed 2d Lieutenant in the 125th U. S. Colored Infantry, 12 Apr. 1866. He was wounded, 6 Mar. 1865, at Natural Bridge, Fla. He took part in much fighting with the Indians in the territories of New Mexico and Arizona. His wife accompanied him to the frontier. Her father was a native of Londonderry, Ireland, and she of London, England.

He was a member of the Conn. House of Representatives from New Hartford in 1876. He was a member of Robert O. Tyler Post, G. A. R. He engaged in the shoe business on Asylum Street.

ALBERT ALLEN[9] SEYMOUR (1843-1903) moved in July 1857 from New Hartford, Conn., to Bristol, Conn., where he lived until his enlistment in 1861. He enlisted, 25 Sept. 1861, as Private in Co. C,

8th Regt., Conn. Volunteers, and was discharged, 12 Dec. 1865, as 1st Lieutenant of Co. B, in the same regiment. Among the important engagements in which he participated were the capture of Roanoke Island, the Battle of Newburn, the siege of Fort Macon, South Mountain, Antietam, and Fredericksburg, all in 1862, siege of Suffolk and capture of West Branch Battery, in 1863, Bermuda Landing, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Fort Harrison, the surrender of Richmond, etc. After the war, he returned in 1865 to Bristol, where he afterwards resided except for two years (Jan. 1866 to Jan. 1868) in Riverton, Conn.

Alfred Moore, husband of Harriet Eliza[10] Seymour was a man of unique personality and exceptional ability. He was educated at the then celebrated "Gunnery School" at Washington, Conn. Inheriting a manufacturing business and a considerable fortune from his father, he displayed marked business ability and carried on the business successfully until his health failed. He had a genius for eccentricity. He was a ready and brilliant talker, a wit and a wag, and an incorrigible joker. Owning a fine pair of horses and a carriage, he stocked the carriage with teas and coffees and went about the countryside selling his goods for the fun of it. Attending a fair one day at Cherry Park, his fancy led him to make a balloon ascension. That form of sport fascinated him and for several years he gave the best of his time and attention to aeronautics. He had several balloons made for him and made repeated ascensions in the vicinity of Winsted and elsewhere. But the delights of ascension were finally overcome by the perils of descent, and after being dragged through tree tops one day at St. Louis and finally spilled out and hurt, he sold out his aerial furniture and quit the sport. He was the first, and perhaps the last, to engage in amateur ballooning simply as a form of sport, and surely there could be none requiring more nerve and daring if mountain climbing be barred. On one ascent he took with him a photographer, who made some of the first balloon pictures. He wrote up some of his adventures in an article which he sent to the Century Magazine on the bare chance of acceptance, and was astounded to receive almost by return of post a check for five hundred dollars for the article. He would readily have given the sum for the publication of the article if he had not been paid for it. His wit was inherited from his father, Franklin Moore, and the witty sayings and speeches of father and son are still current in

Winsted. But his health failed, and after a long painful sickness, he succumbed. His death removed from Winsted one of its most generous and engaging figures. Had he lived, he would undoubtedly have become one of its foremost citizens, as indeed he was one of its most prominent and beloved at the time of his death.

296. HENRY ALBERT[8] SEYMOUR (*Lot Norton*[7], *Noah*[6], *William*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at New Hartford, Conn., 22 Jan. 1818, died at Bristol, Conn., 6 Apr. 1897; married at Bristol, 28 July 1844, ELECTA[7] CHURCHILL, born at New Hartford, Conn., 5 Apr. 1818, died at Bristol, 10 Dec. 1873, daughter of John[6] (*Samuel*[5], *Charles*[4], *Samuel*[3], *Joseph*[2], *Josiah*[1]) and Laura (Wells).

Henry Albert Seymour went to such schools as were in the village of New Hartford until he was fourteen when he became an apprentice in the small local factory of the Chapin Brothers engaged in the manufacture of fire-arms. He had a natural aptitude for mechanics and could not have had better schooling than in this small shop in the village. When sixteen years old he went with his Cousins Henry and George Kellogg (the latter the father of Clara Louise Kellogg, the famous American singer) to the academy at Westfield, Massachusetts, of which the principal was Amos Cheeseboro. At that time the Westfield Academy enjoyed a fine reputation. He always looked back on his schooling at Westfield with pleasure and satisfaction. Returning to New Hartford he finished his apprenticeship with the Chapin Brothers, by whom he was taken into the jealously-guarded secret of the delicate shadow process of straightening gun-barrels.

He had no formal schooling after he left Amos Cheeseboro's Academy, but at an early age he became a serious reader, and all his life remained a constant reader of books. The meager village library was a great resource, and he made full use of it. An important influence in developing his mind was the constant discussion of public affairs in his own family circle. His Grandfather Seymour had been an ardent Federalist, but his father, out of deep conviction, had become an apostate,—a Democrat. His father's defection from the political faith of the family gave birth to endless arguments and led him to wider reading. Thus, in his early youth he read the four volumes of Jefferson's "Correspondence and Miscellanies." The son of one of eleven Jeffersonian Democrats in New Hartford, he was reared in that faith, but later in life became a Republican and so remained until his death.

As a very young man he seems to have displayed some of the military spirit which the late Mary Kingsbury Talcott, an historian of the family, believed to be its characteristic. He was not twenty when he became captain of the local militia company, the New Hartford Grenadiers, and one year when the State Militia held its annual training at Norfolk, Major-General James T. Platt pronounced young Seymour's company to be the best trained of the fifteen companies in the regiment. For three years, under his captaincy, this company had the position of honor at the right of the regiment.

At about twenty-four he developed such a severe cough that his physician advised a trip south. He resigned his captaincy of the New Hartford Grenadiers, sold his accoutrements, and arranged with Brewster & Ingraham of Bristol to go to Mississippi as their clock salesman. He made the trip three times, twice by sailing vessel from New York to New Orleans and once by rail to Cumberland, Virginia, thence over the mountains and by stage and barge the rest of the way.

He was married at Bristol, July 28, 1844, then 26 years old, by the Reverend Mr. Seeley, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Lora Waters, to Electa Churchill. She was also born in New Hartford, and they had grown up together and had the same circle of friends. They began their married life in New Hartford, but in 1846 removed to Bristol where he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, John Churchill, and Ebenezer Hendrick. They occupied what had previously been the Boardman and Wells Shop in Stafford district, but after a year or so discontinued business, as they were charged with the infringement of a patent held by Noble Jerome. Messrs. Seymour and Churchill then began the manufacture of ivory and boxwood rules. Mr. Churchill retired from that partnership a year or so later, and Mr. Seymour continued the business until the factory was sold. He then built a small shop using water power on what is now Riverside Avenue and continued the business for some time. Ultimately he sold it out to the Stanleys of New Britain. It was the nucleus of the celebrated Stanley Rule and Level Company of today.

In 1850 he bought the house on Main Street which Noble Jerome, brother of Chauncey Jerome, had built in 1820 and resided there until 1886. This purchase included a considerable frontage on Main Street and, on the frontage south of the railroad track, which went diagonally through the land, Mr. Seymour built in 1851 a frame building which he occupied for some years as a jewelry store. He

built up a good trade and drew much custom from the neighboring towns. He soon vacated this building, which he rented for the United States Post Office, for another which he built near it. Later on he joined with Mr. Julius Nott in building a brick block, the first brick building for commercial purposes in Bristol. These properties suffered a disastrous fire in 1870, and another in 1873.

With other men of Bristol he had an attack of "oil fever" and went to Pennsylvania and superintended the boring for oil. The venture was not a success, and ultimately he returned to Bristol much poorer in purse.

In the early days of his living in Bristol he served the town as First Selectman, as Treasurer, as Assessor, on School Committees, and on the Board of Relief; but he had no aptitude for politics as such and never sought public office, though throughout his life he took an active interest in public affairs and was particularly interested in the public schools of the town. He took his young son, George Dudley, to town-meeting, regarding that as important a part of a boy's education as schooling, believing that every citizen should know how his town was run.

At one time after he gave up his jewelry store he was employed by one or more of the concerns manufacturing clocks in the invention and perfection of automatic machinery for making certain parts of clocks. He was fitted for that work on account of his apprenticeship as a boy and his natural aptitude for mechanics.

He had secured such an enviable position in Bristol for integrity of character and judgment that when the Bristol Savings Bank was incorporated in 1870 he was one of the founders of the bank and was chosen its first president as the most available man in the community, all things considered, though not a man of means or of familiarity with banking. Under his administration the bank was so successful and enjoyed to such an extent the confidence of the community that he was re-elected to the presidency of the bank for twenty-seven years until his death, April 6, 1897. The bank was founded in the expectation that it would assist in building up the town, and he always regarded his services in connection with the bank as a public service for he had no salary until near the end of his term, and accepted no pay except for the time used in driving about the country as appraiser. From the time of the founding of the bank in 1870 until his death, it was his chief interest and concern. His son-in-law, Mr. Miles Lewis

Peck, was the first secretary and treasurer of the bank and ultimately succeeded him in its presidency, which he still (1938) holds.

At the time of Mr. Seymour's death in 1897, no man in the community was held in higher respect for integrity and uprightness of character, and no one more beloved by all classes. Mr. Seymour was above medium height, of spare frame, and had broad shoulders. His portrait, painted in anticipation of marriage in or about 1844 shows a well-shaped head, oval face, dark hair, gray eyes, and dark complexion. In temperament he was reserved, moderate and reticent of speech, combined with a gentle and friendly manner, although at times he was severe and when severe had a sort of Roman handsomeness.

Though never robust, he excelled in sports requiring skill rather than strength, and was an excellent swimmer, diver, and skater, and proficient in the old-time game of wicket, described by his son in "The Old-Time Game of Wicket and Some Old-Time Wicket Players."

All his life he was devoted to hunting and fishing. Bristol, with its copper mines, is an interesting region for all mineralogists and he spent much time in prospecting. A lover of nature, no one was more thrilled by the first robin of spring or by the "Honk Honk" of the wild geese as they went over in the fall.

As already stated, he was a constant reader. He subscribed to the *New York Evening Post*, the *New York Tribune*, and the *Hartford Courant*. He was an early subscriber to the *Atlantic Monthly*, and a close reader of the Consular Reports. He was greatly interested in horticulture. He was fond of music and as a young man played the flute. His silver flute in its velvet-lined box is well remembered by his son. It was a household where books and music were much in evidence.

Electa Churchill, in anticipation of her marriage to Mr. Seymour, was painted in 1844. She was of good height, had abundant hair which was brown almost to blackness, blue eyes, and a fresh complexion, and a remarkably melodious voice, both in speaking and laughing. She was as gay and sociable as her husband was reticent, and in consequence was a great favorite in the family circle and in the town. She was very proud of the tradition in her mother's family (the Wellses of "Ten Rod," Newington) of hospitality which she always practiced and encouraged in her daughters.

The author of this book was surprised a few months ago to receive from a Bristol lady who had known the family all her life a wholly

unexpected letter in which she spoke of the family as follows: "I have been thinking lately of your family and the debt that Bristol owes them. Your father and mother must have had unusual strength of character to have bequeathed so much to their children. Bristol has been fortunate to have several families who have contributed much to our city through several generations, in business ability and integrity, public spirit and high moral character, but I think none of them had the culture that your family had. How much your three sisters have contributed to its charm and culture." (E. J. P.)

Children, first born at New Hartford, the others at Bristol, Conn.:

i. LAURA ELECTA[9], b. 5 Apr. 1846; d. at Bristol, 22 June 1921, unm.

ii. HENRY ALBERT, b. 2 Apr. 1847; d. at Washington, D. C., 1 May 1921; m. at Washington, D. C., 30 Oct. 1872, MARY MARILLA LEGGETT, his second cousin, b. at Warren, Ohio, 2 Apr. 1853, d. at Brookline, Mass., 4 Jan. 1914, only dau. of Gen. Mortimer Dormer and Marilla (Wells). Children:

I. Laura Leggett[10], b. 11 Nov. 1873; m. at Washington, D. C., 30 Oct. 1899, Charles Benjamin Doolittle, b. at Bridgeport, Conn., 4 Oct. 1868, d. 12 May 1936, s. of Thomas Benjamin* and Mary Louise (Bradley). Child:

(1) Mortimer Leggett[11], b. at Washington, D. C., 4 Oct. 1900; B.A. (Yale, 1922); LL.B. (Yale, 1925); entered the law offices of Cummings & Lockwood, Stamford, Conn., 1925; m. 26 Dec. 1930, Dorothy Rowley Perkins.

II. Rae Mortimer, b. 24 Aug. 1877; d. 8 Aug. 1933; m. in the Church of the Covenant, Washington, D. C., 6 Jan. 1923, Josiah Dwight, b. at Woodstock, Ill., d. at Atlantic City, N. J., 4 July 1934, s. of Josiah and Amanda L. (Griffing).

III. Helen Wells, b. 18 Dec. 1878; d. at Washington, D. C., 27 Oct. 1937.

iii. MARY HARRIET, b. 22 July 1849; d. at Bristol, Conn., 31 Oct. 1926; m. at Bristol, 18 Oct. 1871, MILES LEWIS PECK, b. at Bristol, 24 July 1849, s. of Josiah Tracy and Ellen (Barnard) Peck. Children, b. at Bristol:

I. Josiah Henry[10], b. 5 Mar. 1873; B.A. (Yale, 1895); LL.B. (Harvard, 1898); a lawyer, res. West Hartford, Conn.; m. at Providence, R. I., 12 Nov. 1902, Maude Helen Tower, b. at Alston, Mass., 13 Sept. 1873, dau. of Rev. Francis Emory and Ella (Shepardson). No children.

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* One of the outstanding pioneers in telephony, and an important contributor to that art, received the degree of A.M. from Dartmouth.

II. Howard Seymour, b. 17 May 1874; d. 9 Sept. 1928; m. at Bristol, Conn., 16 Oct. 1900, Florence Edna Roe, b. at Tremont, N. Y., 16 Oct. 1877, dau. of Charles and Mary Matilda (Naason) Roe. Children, b. at Bristol:

(1) Seymour[11], b. 5 Nov. 1901; B.A. (Yale, 1923); m. at New York, N. Y., 13 May 1933, Margery Earl. Child:
A. Margery[12], b. 22 Mar. 1934.

(2) Nancy, b. 30 June 1903; m. 2 Aug. 1928, Edward J. Quinlan, B.A. (Boston Univ., 1924), LL.B. (1927). Children:
A. Mary[12], b. 25 Feb. 1929.
B. Edward J., b. 16 Feb. 1931.
C. John, b. 30 July 1932.
D. Nancy, b. 15 Aug. 1938.

III. Hilda Margaret, b. 19 Apr. 1881; B.A. (Vassar, 1903); res. (1938) Bristol, Conn.

IV. Rachel Kezia, b. 6 Jan. 1883; B.A. (Vassar, 1905); m. at Bristol, 28 June 1910, Newell Jennings, B.A. (Yale, 1904), LL.M. *cum laude* (Yale, 1907), b. at Bristol, 12 May 1883, son of John Joseph and Elizabeth Naomi (Newell). Children:

(1) Elizabeth Newell[11], b. in 1911; B.A. (Vassar, 1932); m. at Bristol, in 1932, Sherwood L. Anderson, Jr., of Allentown, Pa. Children:
A. Hilda Peck[12], b. 27 Mar. 1933.
B. Sherwood L., b. 17 July 1934.
C. Rachel Jennings, b. 20 Jan. 1936.

(2) Miles Peck, b. in 1912; ed. Deerfield Academy; B.A. (Yale, 1935).

(3) Dorothy Seymour, b. 7 May 1916; B.A. (Vassar, 1937).

V. Mary Miles Lewis, b. 22 Jan. 1895; B.A. (Vassar, 1917).

iv. Lilla Wells, b. 10 May 1852; d. 7 Nov. 1854.

v. John Churchill, b. 5 June 1853; d. same day.

vi. Grace Ella, b. 13 July 1856; d. at Bristol, 23 Apr. 1925; m. at Bristol, 11 Oct. 1881, William Shurtleff Ingraham, b. at Bristol, 25 Apr. 1857, d. there 14 Dec. 1930, s. of Edward and Jane Eliza (Beach). He m. (2) in June 1928, Mrs. Edith (Mather) Tuttle. Children, b. at Bristol:

I. Faith Allen[10], b. 30 Apr. 1886. She assumed her middle name on learning that a paternal ancestress, Faith Allen, was hanged for witchcraft on Gallows Hill at Salem, Mass., in 1692. She m. at Bristol, Morton Candee Treadway, b. at Bristol, 26 Jan. 1887, s. of Charles Seth and Lucy (Townsend). He was educated at Phillips Andover and Yale College (B.A., 1910). Mrs. Treadway has been active from her girlhood in the church, civic and social affairs of the community; member of the D. A. R. and of the Conn. Society of Colonial

Dames. She takes great pride in carrying on her gifted mother's philanthropic and social obligations. Children, b. at Bristol:

(1) Morton Candee[11], b. 20 May 1915.
(2) William Ingraham, b. 7 Feb. 1917.
(3) Jean, b. 28 May 1918.
(4) Lucy Townsend, b. 23 May 1919.

II. Edward, b. 20 Dec. 1887; ed. Phillips Andover; B.A. (Yale, 1910), m. at Rutland, Vt., 21 Sept. 1918, Alice Patti Pease, b. at Worcester, Mass., 26 Apr. 1887, dau. of George Francis and Alice (Batchelder), of Rutland, Vt. Children, b. at Bristol:

(1) Edward[11], b. 12 Nov. 1919.
(2) William Shurtleff, b. 2 Nov. 1921.
(3) Grace Seymour, b. 27 Dec. 1924.
(4) Ellen Jane, b. 14 Feb. 1927.
(5) Faith Allen, b. 4 Mar. 1929.

III. Dudley Seymour, b. 14 Aug. 1890; m. at Ipswich, Mass., 31 July 1920, Marion Edna Morton, b. at Beverly, Mass., 6 Nov. 1888, dau. of Joseph Theodore and Jessie (Johnson). Children, b. at Bristol:

(1) Seymour Morton[11], b. 20 Jan. 1922.
(2) Joseph Theodore, b. 5 June 1923.
(3) Dudley Seymour, b. 1 Oct. 1924.
(4) Robert Appleton, b. 18 Aug. 1927.

vii. George Dudley, b. 6 Oct. 1859; ed. graded schools, Bristol, Conn., and Hartford Public High School (1878); LL.B. (Columbian University, now George Washington, Law School, 1880); LL.M. (same, 1881); hon. M.A. (Yale, 1913); L.H.D. (George Washington Univ., 1921).

viii. Helen Wells, b. 29 Jan. 1864; d. 12 July 1866.

Miss Laura Electa Seymour (1846-1921), eldest daughter of Henry Albert and Electa (Churchill) Seymour, was born in New Hartford, Conn., 5 April 1846, and removed to Bristol in the same year. She was educated in Bristol schools and a private school in Hartford. There she had for her teacher Mrs. Virginia Hubbard Curtis, who, after her removal to New Haven, never failed to speak to the author in highest terms of his sister Laura. She was teaching school in East Orange, New Jersey, at the time of her mother's death in 1873, and she then returned to Bristol to take the headship of her father's household, which she never relinquished nor from which was she absent except on the occasions of several trips to Europe. She was so reserved, so reticent, so averse to anything like

publicity, that the author has been very reluctant to include her portrait in this volume.

Henry Albert[9] Seymour, Jr. (1847-1921) went from Bristol schools to Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Massachusetts, in company with Miles Lewis Peck, his future brother-in-law. After returning home, he was occupied as a telegraph operator for a time until in 1870 he had an opportunity to take a clerkship in the Census Bureau in Washington under General Francis A. Walker. He soon transferred to the United States Patent Office where he found his *metier* and where, under competitive examinations, he rapidly rose through the different grades and ultimately became the Law Clerk. Meanwhile he attended the Law School of Columbian University, which is now George Washington University, graduating with the degree of LL.B. in 1874. He was admitted to the District of Columbia Bar the same year and in 1878 to practice before the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. In 1875 he resigned from the Government service and opened an office in Washington for the soliciting of patents and the practice of patent law. He was eminently successful, due to his unusual ability and adaptability for this work and to his exceptional personal qualities of securing the confidence of his clients. He practised his profession up to the time of his retirement a few years before his death. He was especially effective in patent litigation involving the electrical art, notably electric lighting.

Mr. Seymour favored his mother's family in looks and in temperament. He had his mother's fresh complexion, blue eyes, and her voice in speaking and laughing. As a young man he was an ardent ball player and also excelled in the now obsolete game of wicket, described in his brother's brochure, "The Old-Time Game of Wicket and Some Old-Time Wicket Players." He was devoted to trout fishing and often broke away to return to his native village to fish in the streams familiar to him in boyhood. He was an enthusiastic yachtsman. In his later years he spent much time in the spring and summer cruising on the Potomac.

He was a Mason, a member of Columbia Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, of Washington. Among the clubs of which he was a member were the Cosmos Club, Metropolitan Club of Washington, Union League Club of New York, Chevy Chase Club, New

York Yacht Club, Capital City Yacht Club, and the New Haven Yacht Club, of which he was past Commodore.

He was devoted to the game of Whist and a fine billiardist. All his life he was noted for his charm of manner. He had a rare gift of attracting friends to himself without apparent effort on his part.

The author would fail in his duty to the memory of his brother if he did not express in this place the great obligation to him for taking him, just out of High School, into his office and training him for the profession that has been his life work.

Mrs. Seymour, née Mary Marilla Leggett, a woman of unusual charm and vivacity, an Ohioan by birth, was her husband's second cousin. Her mother Marilla Wells, a daughter of Captain Absalom Wells, a pioneer settler in the Western Reserve, had lived in New Hartford before moving to the West. Marilla Wells and her older sister Harriet had been childhood friends and intimate with Mr. Seymour's mother, Electa Churchill. Mrs. Seymour's father, General Mortimer Dormer Leggett (1841-1896), had a notable career as a soldier. He was active throughout the Civil War, took a prominent part in the siege of Vicksburg, and was with General Sherman in his march to the sea. After the war, General Leggett was appointed Commissioner of Patents by General Grant, who refers handsomely to him in his "Personal Memoirs."

Mr. Seymour and his wife and daughters, Rae Mortimer (Mrs. Josiah Dwight) and Helen Wells, are buried in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge.

Laura Leggett[10] (Seymour) Doolittle (1873-) was educated at The Friends School in Washington, D. C., and Wells College, Aurora, New York. She is a member of the Women's Board of the New Haven Hospital, of the New Haven Orphan Asylum, of the Mother's Aid Society; a member of the Connecticut Society, Colonial Dames of America, Daughters of the American Revolution, American Association of University Women, League of Women Voters, the New Haven Lawn Club, the New Haven Paint and Clay Club, the Herb Society of America. She is a collector of first editions and colonial antiquities.

Rae Mortimer[10] (Seymour) Dwight (1877-1933) was educated in the Friends School in Washington, D. C., and at a private school in New Milford, Connecticut, was a keen wit, and a vivacious writer in

prose and verse. As a citizen of Orlando, Florida, after her marriage, she was much interested in the charitable activities of the place and contributed a great deal to the social service of the city and helped several young people through college. Her husband, Josiah Dwight,—she was his second wife,—was grandson of Hon. Josiah[5] (*Col. Josiah*[4], *Capt. Henry*[3], *Timothy*[2], *John*[1]) and Rhoda (Edwards), the latter being granddaughter of the noted theologian, Rev. Jonathan Edwards, and own cousin of the first Timothy Dwight, President of Yale College.

Helen Wells[10] Seymour (1878-1937) was educated in the Friends School in Washington, D. C., and she took special courses for two years in Columbia University and in the Doshisha Women's College, Kyoto, Japan. She spent several years of her life in Japan and China, was a collector of textiles and Japanese wall paintings, received diplomas in several Japanese arts, on which she lectured as a voluntary service, in the Women's College, Kyoto. She was a member of the Society of Women Geographers, of the Japan Society, the Society for Japanese Studies, and the Washington Club. She was a gifted painter of Japanese subjects and exhibited her work both in Japan and the United States. She left a rare and valuable collection of textiles, both Japanese and Chinese, and some fine wall paintings.

Mary Harriet[9] (Seymour) Peck (1849-1926), a native of Bristol, lived there all her life, and died five years after she and her husband celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary. Mr. Peck is a prominent banker, and was president of the Bristol and Plainville Tramway Company. Mrs. Peck, with Mrs. Edward E. Newell, founded the Evening School, later incorporated in the Bristol Public School system. She was one of the organizing Board of the Bristol Visiting Nurse Association, and was most helpful in all its work. She served as a director, and was secretary, of the Charity Department until failing health made it impossible for her to attend its meetings. She was always deeply interested in this work, and her interest and sympathy were freely expressed, not only in wise counsel, but in many practical ways.

She was a member of the Alpha Reading Club, The Bristol Visiting Nurse Association, and the Katherine Gaylord Chapter, D. A. R., the Red Cross, and all agencies that served the welfare

of the community. She served her D. A. R. Chapter as Registrar for many years, and her energy and initiative were responsible for improving and maintaining the old graveyards of the town.

She had a beautiful, lyric soprano voice.

"Among my sister Laura's papers, which I was examining preparatory to burning, I found the wedding cards of Piera Root and Edward E. Newell. This recalled to my mind my boyhood thrill when my sister Mary came down in her white bridesmaid's dress to enter the carriage which was to take her to the wedding, where she was to act as bridesmaid. I had never seen her so 'dressed up' and never had realized how beautiful she was. She had a beautiful slender figure and delicate color, and magnificent hair which I suppose she wore as usual on the top of her head in what was then called 'coronet braids.' I remember that as she swept into our parlor and out of our front door I thought she was probably one of the most beautiful young women in existence. As a matron she was remarkable for her air of nobility and dignity."—*G. D. S.*

"Mrs. Peck had a fine mind, cultivated by reading and study. She was well-informed in current history and in the trend of modern thought. She was not much interested in the controversial side of religion, nor in the argumentative points of political questions. She was not perturbed about the changing status of women, nor the modern trend of social customs. She had deep and abiding convictions, undisturbed by theories. She knew what kind of a life a woman ought to live in her home, in her community, in society, in the world of affairs, and she lived that kind of life herself, abundantly, unostentatiously, serenely.

"She performed 'the daily round, the common task,' with gracious serenity and steadfast loyalty. She had a correct estimate of the relative values in life, and she lived and reared her family in accordance with this estimate. A rich and noble heritage, for her children and her children's children!"—*Obituary, P. S. P.*

Josiah Henry[10] Peck (1873-), B.A. (Yale, 1895), LL.B. (Harvard, 1898), spent four years in the law offices of Brigham & Bailey in New York City, then established himself in practice in Hartford, Conn. One of the outstanding figures at the Hartford Bar, he is known as a lawyer's lawyer; a man of wide range of general information; and a collector of books. He has been all his life an expert card-player, and is a devotee of contract bridge. He

declined an appointment to the bench of the Superior Court. His wife was a daughter of Rev. Francis E. Tower, of Providence, R. I., formerly pastor of the Baptist Church in Bristol, Conn.

Howard Seymour[10] Peck (1874-1928), educated at the Bristol High School, and at Yale College, Class of 1896, followed in the footsteps of his grandfather Peck and took up life and fire insurance. He was successful as a business man. As a youth, he was active, athletic, and a fine pianist. In boyhood, he played baseball; in middle life, golf; and he was always a skilful whist player. He built a beautiful house in Bristol on land long in his father's family. His was a retiring nature, and he never entered public life if he could avoid it. He died in his sleep, probably as the result of an automobile accident of some time before.

Miss Hilda Margaret[10] Peck (1881-), eldest daughter of Mary Harriet (Seymour) and Miles Lewis Peck of Bristol, was educated in Bristol Public Schools, Mary A. Burnham School, Northampton, Mass., and Vassar College. She is untiring in her service to the church and community and to Vassar; member of numerous clubs and societies; Vassar Club of New York, and the Connecticut Society of Colonial Dames of America; especially interested in the Visiting Nurse Association. She spent nearly a year in the Orient in 1928, most of the time in Japan with her cousin, Helen Wells Seymour, then living in Kyoto, and also enjoyed a five weeks' trip to Peking, China. She returned to Kyoto in time for the ceremonies attendant on the enthronement of the Emperor Hirohito.

Rachel Kezia[10] (Peck) Jennings (1883-), second daughter of Mary Harriet (Seymour) and Miles Lewis Peck, was educated in Bristol schools and at Vassar College (B.A., 1905). She is possessed of a quick and keen mind, and at Vassar excelled in Latin, the subject in which her great-uncle, Professor Tracy Peck (Yale, 1861) attained eminence. After an equestrian courtship, she was married, in 1910, to Hon. Newell Jennings.

Judge Jennings was graduated from Yale College in 1904 (his father's *alma mater* in 1876), and from the Yale Law School *cum laude* in 1907. He was admitted to the Connecticut Bar in 1907, and practiced his profession in Bristol from 1907 to 1922. In 1922 he received an appointment from Governor Everett Lake to the Superior

Court Bench. In that position he won the admiration of the entire Connecticut Bar by his judicial temper, courtesy, and firmness. In 1936 he was raised by Governor Wilbur L. Cross to the Supreme Court of the State.

In Bristol he is a trustee of the Savings Bank; has served as chairman of the Board of Education since 1924; and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Library. He is a Republican, and a Congregationalist. He resigned from most of his clubs when raised to the Supreme Court, but retains membership in the Graduates Club, New Haven; the Franklin Lodge of Masons; and the Chippanee Country Club in Bristol; Beta Theta Pi, and Phi Beta Kappa.

Mary Miles Lewis[10] Peck, daughter of Mary Harriet (Seymour) and Miles Lewis Peck, was educated in Bristol schools and at Vassar, from which she graduated with honors; member of Phi Beta Kappa; social worker; president since its foundation in 1928 of the Bristol Girls' Club Association, occupying a building presented by her father through her to the town of Bristol. She went around the world in 1935 with a companion who had many friends among missionaries and native students in Oriental countries. In India they spent an afternoon in the home of Gandhi and were surprised to find the Mahatma to be a man of humor. They also visited the school founded by the venerable poet and educator, Sir Rabindranath Tagore. The author imagines that his niece had a less interesting experience with Tagore than her uncle did when he visited the Elizabethan Club in New Haven. Miss Peck is an accomplished pianist and vocalist.

Grace Ella[9] (Seymour) Ingraham (1856-1925) was educated in Bristol schools and Hartford Public High School (Class of 1876). She was a successful school teacher in East Orange, New Jersey, for a short period before her marriage, after which she became a leading figure in the life of Bristol. In addition to her work in the Congregational Church, of which she was a life-long member, and in the civic and philanthropic activities of the community, she followed her mother's tradition of hospitality. She was very active as a director of the Bristol Visiting Nurse Association, the Bristol Public Welfare Association, the Bristol Chapter of American Red Cross, and the Women's Civic Club, and gave much of her time to the work of the Red Cross during the war. She was a teacher in the church and a member of the committees of the various church organizations. She

was a member of the Katherine Gaylord Chapter, D. A. R., served as its Regent, was many times a member of its board, and attended many of the meetings of the national congress in Washington. She was a member of the Connecticut Society of Colonial Dames of America and served on its committees of education and Americanization. She was always ready to help the sick or needy or bereaved. In an obituary notice published after her death it was said in part:

"Mrs. Ingraham was splendidly endowed intellectually. She had a fine mind which was kept alert with reading and with study. She knew and appreciated the best in literature, in art, and in music, and was herself a fine musician.

"She was well informed in current history and religious thought. She held independent opinions and strong convictions, but was tolerant and considerate of the convictions of others. She was a gentlewoman of great personal charm who was sympathetic, kind, and approachable; so she drew many people to herself and never antagonized any.

"One thinks of her as the Dean of Women in Bristol, the acknowledged leader, by right of her noble womanhood."

Mrs. Ingraham shared with her sisters a beautiful speaking voice and she had a rare, engaging personality. It was remarked of her that she had inherited her mother's beautiful hands. It is not too much to say that with her sisters, Laura and Mary, she contributed more to the intellectual and social tone of the community in which she lived than any other three women that could be mentioned. Her three children cherish her memory and find in her life an inspiring motive for gracious and useful living.

William Shurtleff Ingraham (1857-1930), husband of Grace Ella Seymour, was a native of Bristol, Conn., and the son of Edward Ingraham and Jane Eliza (Beach) Ingraham. He was named after William Shurtleff, a member of the Yale Class of 1854, and a classmate and close friend of Edward Ingraham, his father.

William Shurtleff Ingraham received his education in the public schools of Milford and Bristol, Conn., later entering the Stamford Military Institute. After graduating from that institution, he entered Cornell University in the class of 1879 but did not graduate, leaving to enter the employ of The E. Ingraham Company in March 1876. He went to work in the office on May 1st, 1879, and continued to serve the Company up until the time of his death on December 14th, 1930. He first served as secretary of the Company and later became treasurer and general manager, which position he held continuously for approximately forty years.

He was also a director and vice president of the Bristol National Bank, American Trust Company and the North Side Bank & Trust Company. He was also director of the Bristol Brass Corporation and the American Silver Company. For many years he was a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners and Burgess of Bristol. He was also Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Bristol Free Public Library, and during this period the new Library was built. He was a member of the Society of Colonial Wars, of the Chippanee Country Club,—of which he was the first president, the Farmington Club and of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity.

EDWARD[10] INGRAHAM (1887-) was educated at Andover Academy and at Yale College (B.A., 1910). Wishing to volunteer for service in the World War, he was rejected because of defective vision by several military organizations, but was inducted 23 Oct. 1918 and assigned to Headquarters Company, 44th Brigade, Coast Artillery Corps, Fort Monroe; transferred to 152d Depot Brigade, Camp Upton; Corporal, discharged 17 Dec. 1918.

He entered the family business in Bristol, Conn., and in 1927 became president of The E. Ingraham Company, manufacturers of clocks, a concern founded by his great-grandfather Elias Ingraham. He has been active in town and church affairs. He is a trustee of the Bristol Savings Bank, of which his grandfather Seymour was one of the founders, and a director of the Bristol National Bank; director of The Bristol Brass Corporation, Veeder-Root, Inc., Associated Spring Company, and International Silver Company. Since 1915 he has been president, excepting one year, of the Bristol Boys' Club Association. Former elected member of Board of Relief; member of Board of Finance; member of State Planning Board; chairman of Board of Directors of Bristol Free Public Library. He is also a director of Boys' Clubs of America, Inc. He is a Congregationalist, and formerly a deacon. Beta Theta Pi; Rotary; Mason.

He is a student of the history of clock-making in Connecticut, and has a fine and representative collection in that field. He is an ardent collector of etchings and engravings, furniture and American antiques; and is an enthusiastic angler, and a director of the St. Bernard Fish and Game Club of Quebec.

DUDLEY SEYMOUR[10] INGRAHAM (1890-), namesake of his uncle, the author of the present volume, was educated at Andover Academy and Cornell University (LL.B., 1913), his father's Alma

Mater. Shortly after America entered the World War, he volunteered, was accepted, placed against his will in the Medical Department, where he became Sergeant 1st Class, but later secured a transfer to an Infantry and then to a Machine Gun Division, and at the termination of the War was at a Machine Gun Officers' Training Camp at Augusta, Georgia.

Immediately upon leaving college he entered the family business in Bristol, and in 1923 became Vice President and later succeeded his father as Treasurer. He has been active in public affairs, having been a director and member of the Executive Committee of the Bristol Hospital since it was founded, Chairman of the House Committee of the Visiting Nurse and Family Welfare Association for fifteen years, Chairman of a Community Chest Drive, member of the Board of Fire Commissioners (where he acted as Chairman of a Committee that put into effect the first Civil Service basis of selection and advancement in any Fire Department in the State), member of the Board of Education, member of the Manufacturers Division of the State Tercentenary Commission, member of Governor Cross's State Highway Safety Commission and Chairman of the Manufacturers Division thereof, and a member of the National Advisory Committee of the 1939 New York World's Fair. He is also First Vice-President of the Bristol Savings Bank, of which his grandfather—Henry Albert Seymour—was one of the founders and its first President. He is also a director of the Bristol Bank & Trust Co. and The Bristol Brass Corporation. He is a member of the Congregational Church, where for a number of years he served as Superintendent of the Church School, and in politics is classed as a Republican. He is a member of Delta Chi Fraternity, a member of the American Legion, Past President of the Bristol Rotary Club, and a member of the Farmington and Chippanee Country Clubs. He is an enthusiastic collector of paintings and would be classed as a realist in his tastes, which lean to works of the Barbizon Period and of the corresponding period in American Art.

George Dudley[9] Seymour (1859-),* born and bred in Bristol, Hartford County, Connecticut, was educated at the local graded schools and the Hartford Public High School (1878), and in 1880 received the degree of LL.B., from Columbian Law School, Wash-

* The following rehearsal of Mr. Seymour's public activities is substantially quoted from the "Story of Connecticut," for which it was compiled some years ago.

ington, D. C. On October 6, 1883, his twenty-fourth birthday, Mr. Seymour opened an office in New Haven for the practice of patent law and for soliciting patents. Apart from his long and successful professional career, he is best known for his interest in community welfare, an interest that he traces to the fact that his father took him, as a small boy, to town meetings and impressed upon his mind the obligation of every man to take some part in public affairs beyond merely voting. These early lessons in civics were never forgotten by the son. Mr. Seymour, feeling no aptitude for city politics, did not take part in the usual political life of his adopted city, and did not hold any public office of a political nature. However, his interest in his city made him the author and leader of a sustained effort to induce New Haven to adopt a systematic plan for its future growth, using the historic Green (laid out in 1638) as a civic center, and to provide New Haven harbor with up-to-date terminal facilities that would make the harbor one of the city's chief commercial assets. He is also well known for his interest in early Connecticut architecture and architects and in the furnishings of the early houses; and particularly for reviving the memory of Captain Nathan Hale, originating and leading a movement to place a statue in memory of Hale upon the Old Campus of Yale College, and himself buying and reconditioning the birthplace of Nathan Hale in South Coventry as a shrine of the patriot, who was hanged by the British as a spy in 1776.

Mr. Seymour's interest in the art and practice of city planning sprang from contacts in Washington with some of the principal men working there for a return to Major L'Enfant's plan for the development and ornamentation of the national capital. The idea of city planning was then beginning to attract attention in some of the progressive American cities, and Mr. Seymour conceived the idea of bringing the message of city planning to New Haven, which has, he is fully persuaded, the oldest existing organized town plan on the American continent. Its great central open square, although primarily designed to serve as a market place, was wonderfully adapted, as he envisioned it, to form the civic center of the New Haven of the future, if surrounded by public and semi-public buildings, and offered an opportunity not surpassed in the entire country.

Mr. Seymour's first opportunity for real public service in this direction to the city of his adoption came in 1906, when he appeared before a committee of the Board of Aldermen in opposition to a peti-

tion presented by the directors of the New Haven Public Library, asking for a site on the Green itself for a new public library building. The petition was defeated, and it is significant of the change of feeling that has since taken place regarding the Green, that it now seems hardly possible that the directors of the Library Board could ever have recommended the building of a public library upon the Green, the invasion of which Mr. Seymour felt would be nothing less than a public calamity.

And yet the very next year the city was threatened with the erection of a huge hotel facing the Green on the site of Mayor Sargent's house. Mr. Seymour saw at once that the erection of a hotel on the key-site in question would be a serious blow to New Haven. To checkmate the project, he immediately prepared a comprehensive paper urging the adoption of city planning by New Haven and the utilization of the Green as its *civic center*. This paper was simultaneously published in full as an open letter to the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, and citizens of the city and county of New Haven, on June 2, 1907, in the issues of the *New Haven Sunday Register, Leader* and *Union*. It attracted wide attention, and led not only to the formation of a committee of citizens to secure a city plan, but also to the raising of a fund of about $8,000 for the purpose, and to inviting Mr. Cass Gilbert, one of the foremost architects of the country, and Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., the country's foremost landscape architect, to visit New Haven. After studying the plan of the city, they drafted a report with recommendations.

This was no mean task, and due to one thing and another, the report was not published until 1910, and even then it attracted far less attention in conservative old New Haven than in the country at large. However, an Act of the Connecticut Legislature, approved May 28, 1913, creating a City Plan Commission, was secured, and the commission was soon organized, with Mayor Rice its chairman, and Mr. Seymour its secretary. The project had from the beginning the enthusiastic support of the Chamber of Commerce, then led by Colonel Isaac M. Ullman, but it was destined largely to fail because it never secured the real support of the municipal government, without which, as Mr. Olmsted declared, city planning could not be "put over."

As an improvement closely related to his city-planning project, Mr. Seymour, in 1913, led a campaign for the provision of the harbor with terminal facilities, with the view that the harbor might again

be utilized as one of the chief commercial assets of New Haven. That project, too, though carefully organized and endorsed by former President Taft, and supported by the Chamber of Commerce, was destined to fail, although the Chamber's Harbor Committee employed Major Cassius E. Gillette, an army engineer of ability and experience recommended by Mr. Taft who, as Secretary of War, had become familiar with the subject of such engineering projects. Both Mr. Taft and Colonel Ullman were very active and helpful in this ill-fated enterprise, in which nothing was seemingly accomplished. The day of the harbor has not yet come, but it is approaching, beyond doubt.

With these two major projects—city planning and harbor improvements—Mr. Seymour was almost continuously engaged from 1907 to 1924, as the local newspapers covering this period afford ample evidence. To rehearse the details would be impracticable, but some idea of these and other activities may be gained by consulting the articles listed in Appendix XI, which articles, for the most part, were prepared in support of the proposed plans and were published in the current local papers, if peradventure they do not fall into dust before they are consulted. In 1924 Mr. Seymour presented his resignation from the City Plan Commission in a long letter addressed to Mayor FitzGerald, in which he reviewed his aims in the premises. (This letter was subsequently printed as "A Citizen's Valedictory," by Mr. Lewis S. Welch, one of Mr. Seymour's most active supporters in his various city improvement enterprises.)

Although both of these major projects, originated and untiringly pushed year after year by Mr. Seymour, failed in their main objectives, their by-products have been in some measure compensatory. Thus Mr. Olmsted, with his wonderful vision, saw during his studies of the New Haven terrain in 1907 a great opportunity for an all-the-year-round park and playground in the extensive well-nigh-useless low swampy West River meadows. He enthused Mr. Seymour with the idea, who passed it on to Colonel Ullman and so to the City Plan Commission, where it long languished. Colonel Ullman and Mr. Seymour, however, both later became members of the New Haven World War Memorial Committee and continued so to cherish the idea that with some finesse they succeeded through Mr. Olmsted (a story as yet untold) in "selling" the idea to Mayor FitzGerald, in whose administration it was "put over," and a park (West

River Memorial Park) of some two hundred acres in extent is now under way, though nothing has yet been done regarding the obelisk which was the keynote of Mr. Olmsted's design and was deemed necessary by him to mark the park as New Haven's World War Memorial. Mr. Frederick L. Ford, then the city engineer, was an active participant in this project. But the park will fail as a *War Memorial* until the obelisk is erected, to complete Mr. Olmsted's design.

Two other parks have also come to New Haven as a result of Mr. Seymour's interest and activity. The Congress having authorized the Secretary of War to dispose of Federal reservations no longer useful for defensive purposes, it was reported to Mr. Seymour that certain business interests were in correspondence with the War Department regarding the purchase of the Fort Hale reservation of some thirty acres on the east shore of New Haven harbor, with the idea of buying it and converting it into an amusement park. Fearful that while the "City Fathers" were resting in fancied security, such a sale might take place, Mr. Seymour acted on his own personal responsibility. In June, 1921, he induced Colonel John Q. Tilson, M. C. for this District, to introduce a bill into Congress authorizing the Secretary of War to transfer the title of the reservation to the city of New Haven as a permanent memorial to Captain Nathan Hale. Mr. Seymour agreed at the same time to provide speakers when the bill came to a hearing before the Committee on Military Affairs of the House of Representatives.

A little later, also at Mr. Seymour's request, Colonel Tilson introduced into Congress a bill for the cession to the city of the small Federal reservation known as "Lighthouse Point," including the old stone lighthouse, and both bills came on for hearing on January 17, 1922. As previously agreed, Mr. Seymour made careful preparations for this hearing. He even succeeded in enlisting the services of Chief Justice Taft, who broke all precedents by participating in a Congressional hearing. The hearing had begun when, quite unannounced, the Chief Justice entered the room. Everyone present rose, and none was more surprised than were the members of the Congressional Committee to find the Chief Justice before them. Mr. Taft spoke briefly for New Haven and for Hale. He then withdrew, and the hearing was resumed at a high pitch of enthusiasm. Both bills were reported

out favorably, and ultimately the Fort Hale reservation was ceded, for strategic reasons, to the State of Connecticut, rather than to the City of New Haven, in recognition of the services of Hale to his country; while the Lighthouse Point reservation, having no historic association to warrant its cession without payment, was ultimately bought by the city. Nathan Hale Park (for so the former tract was renamed), though the title is in the State, is cared for and managed as a part of the New Haven Park System.

Though the success of these park projects was due to Mr. Seymour's efforts, he was still greatly disappointed at the failure of his project to have New Haven adopt city planning in a larger way, and he determined not to retire without one further effort. He, therefore, again on his own responsibility, on March 3, 1924, petitioned the Board of Aldermen to bond the city for the purchase of a tract of eighty acres which adjoined the Lighthouse Point Reservation and which included a relatively short but fine beach washed by unpolluted salt water. After an intensive campaign of some months, in which he was ably assisted by Bernard Greenberg, Esq., and the late much-lamented Frederick W. Campbell, both then members of the Aldermanic Board, this project was put through. The property is now known as Lighthouse Point Park.

The very first intimation that the city-improvement plan, proposed by Messrs. Gilbert and Olmsted, was to include the cutting of an imposing street or approach, leading from the railway station to the center of the city, to intersect with Temple Street or College Street, caused an immediate rise in all real estate valuations in the long neglected region through which such an approach was planned to pass. These valuations had risen so far before the city was prepared to take any action in this matter that the cost became prohibitive, and that outstanding feature of the plan had to be abandoned. However, the necessity of a more direct route between the railway station and the city was so evident that Mr. Frederick L. Ford designed the "Orange Street Extension," so called, which involved the removal of the old armory and necessitated other expensive purchases of realty. This route, as designed by Mr. Ford, has now been executed and has already demonstrated its value, but is still seriously handicapped by the projection into it of the building containing the showroom and store of the New Haven Gas Light Company. The removal of this obstruction must take place before the full advantage of this new route is manifest. This improvement must be credited to the city-planning movement inaugurated by Mr. Seymour.

Thus ended Mr. Seymour's career of almost twenty years devoted to city planning for New Haven, but not his public activities. In 1907-08, Mr. Seymour was the "prime-mover" in having the Yale School of the Fine Arts and the Peabody Museum opened without charge to the public on Sunday afternoons, and the great Newberry organ played for a restricted season on Sunday afternoons. These privileges, which were ultimately granted, have been taken advantage of, year after year, by throngs of people, and are still continued, with mounting interest and attendance. Being tax-exempt, Mr. Seymour argued that the use of these great instruments of pleasure and education would help to bridge the gap between "Town and Gown," and it is believed that they have measurably answered that purpose. Later appeals to the President and Fellows of the University to open the Carnegie Swimming Pool to men during the summer months, when the students were away, and to extend to the public the use of the University Library, under restrictions, failed.

In the forepart of 1909, Mr. Seymour was the leading spirit in a campaign to have the New Haven elms sprayed to get rid of the elm-leaf beetle pest and to bring before the community the advisability of placing the whole subject of the care and replanting of trees under the direction of a superintendent of trees or city forester. To this end, Mr. Seymour published in the issues of the *New Haven Sunday Register* and *New Haven Sunday Union* of March 21st and 28th and of April 4th, 1909, a comprehensive historic review of the elms, which for a century had made the city world-famous as the "City of Elms." City Hall was opposed to the appointment of a superintendent of trees, but resistance was overcome, and on March 15, 1911, Mr. George Alexander Cromie, a graduate of the Yale School of Forestry, class of 1910, received the appointment. With what energy and judgment he filled the office, until he left it January 1, 1929, to become Superintendent of University Planting, is well known. In the *New Haven Sunday Union* of April 4th, 1909, appeared a highly-diverting cartoon by Howard Freeman, in which Mr. Seymour, beset with gigantic beetles, was shown on the top of a towering stepladder, belaboring an elm with a $10,000 feather duster!

In 1904 Mr. Seymour subscribed $200 to a fund to repaint the North Church, stipulating that the woodwork should be painted white, rather than again in several contrasting shades of brown. Just before the actual painting was begun, Mr. Seymour was besought by the

committee to "cut the string" attached to his subscription. This he firmly refused to do, on the ground, as he declared, that he would not participate in the further disfigurement of David Hoadley's superb design of a red brick fabric, with a belfry, frontispiece, and cornice of white woodwork, but when a compromise was tendered him, under which the belfry was to be painted white, he readily accepted it, knowing that if the community could once see the incomparable belfry painted white, with dark louvres, the painting of the frontispiece and cornice white would automatically follow, and it did. Mr. Seymour also strenuously urged the removal of the paint from the beautiful Flemish bond brickwork of the church, but that point the "First Citizen" would not yield. However, much had been gained. At this time, Mr. Seymour was permitted to direct the entire redecoration of the interior of the church, in the vestibule of which he erected a handsome tablet to the memory of David Hoadley, the architect and builder of the fabric.

With this success behind him, Mr. Seymour in 1909 opened a campaign for the restoration of Center Church to its original exterior appearance. Though this project was endorsed by Mr. Cass Gilbert, the architect; by Dr. Maurer, the minister of the church; and by other high officials of the society, a determined faction opposed the plan with a bitterness scarcely believable. Mr. Seymour's substantial contribution in the form of a check was returned. The very idea that an *interloper* should place hands upon Center Church was intolerable! Mr. Seymour's unanswerable reply to these criticisms was that a church or school or whatever, accepting exemption from taxation, became by that act alone an object of public concern and the proper subject of criticism on the part of each and every taxpayer. All of the churches on the Green stand there by the sufferance of the town.

Happily, the opposition, unable to *finance* a reactionary plan to repaint the woodwork and brickwork of the church in contrasting tones of gray, failed, and in 1912, when the repainting of the church became imperative, Mr. Seymour's plan of removing the paint from the brickwork and painting the woodwork white was carried out. The result was a revelation to the community. No one had properly seen Center Church as designed by Ithiel Town since 1845, when its superb Flemish bond brickwork was first lost to view under a coat of paint. This new gospel rapidly spread to Hartford where the paint

was soon removed from the brickwork of Bullfinch's Old State House, from the First Church, and so on. In 1912 Mr. Seymour placed a slate tablet in the vestibule of the church in memory of Ithiel Town, and has very recently secured for the church his portrait by Spencer, now hanging beside the tablet. In Mr. Seymour's career he has met with much opposition, but none so bitter as that attending the removal of the paint from the brickwork of Center Church. He hopes that it will not be long before the paint is removed from the beautiful Flemish bond brickwork of the North Church. In 1924-25 Mr. Seymour directed the redecoration of the meeting house in Woodbridge.

Mr. Seymour's great interest in the ornamental wood and iron work of old houses of the better class led him to secure for the New Haven Colony Historical Society the Palladian window of the once-famous Dyer White house on the northwest corner of Orange and Center streets; the fine staircase, front doors, and some paneling, from the James Abraham Hillhouse mansion (1765), familiarly known in greatly-disguised form as "Grove Hall'; and the superb wrought-iron posts and railing which ornamented the entrance of the Nathan Smith house, designed and built about 1816 by David Hoadley, on Elm street facing the Green, later known as the "Edwards House." The staircase in question has been installed in the new Historical Society Building, while the wrought-iron posts and railing from the Nathan Smith house have been used in front of the building, designed by J. Frederick Kelly. Mr. Seymour's great regret is that he was too late to secure the exquisite portico, now one of the treasures of the Metropolitan Museum, of the house designed and built about 1800 by David Hoadley for Judge Simeon Bristol, which occupied the site of the Ives Memorial Public Library. It was also Mr. Seymour who began the agitation which led to the removal of the pyramidal cap that so long disfigured Trinity Church, designed and built about 1812 by Ithiel Town, on the New Haven Green; and it was through Mr. Seymour's protracted efforts that the two so-called "Branford Rooms," now installed in the Yale School of the Fine Arts, were secured from the New Haven Water Company when it demolished the famous Curtis-Rose house of about 1710 in North Branford.

Interested from boyhood in portraits and portrait painting, Mr. Seymour was the "prime-mover" in having John W. Alexander, N.A.,

paint a portrait of Professor John F. Weir for the Yale School of the Fine Arts on his retirement; in having Mayor Chauncey Jerome's portrait painted by Herman Sodersten for the City Hall; and the late Samuel Hemingway's portrait painted by Ernest L. Ipsen, N. A., for the Second National Bank. He has presented a copy of Duche's portrait of Bishop Samuel Seabury (Primus Episcopus Americanus), and a portrait of John C. Calhoun, to the University, both now hanging in the great Dining Hall in the Bicentennial Buildings.

In 1897 the late Mrs. Mary Russell Mann, of Branford, presented to Mr. Seymour the original doors of Parson Russell's house in Branford—the doors that gave passage to the founders of Yale when they met and, according to tradition, placed books upon the parson's study table, each saying, "I give these books for the foundation of a college in this colony." Mr. Seymour presented the doors to the University in 1901 and, now hung as the entrance of the "1742 Room" in the new University Library, they are believed to be the earliest existing relics of any Yale building.

Mr. Seymour's interest in history and in memorial tablets as works of art has led him to erect several tablets on his own account. They include a tablet to Captain Charles Churchill (by Frank Crawford Boardman), and one to Captain Robert Wells IV (by Lee Lawrie) in the Congregational Meetinghouse in Newington—both of bronze; tablets to Captain Nathan Hale in Battell Chapel, to Ithiel Town in Center Church, to David Hoadley in the United Church—all three of slate designed by the late Henry Charles Dean; an engraved wrought-brass tablet to Deacon Richard Hale, the father of Nathan Hale, in the Church at Coventry, Connecticut; and with Lee Lawrie Mr. Seymour designed the tablet, executed in slate, erected by the Church Society to Governor Simeon Baldwin in the United Church, New Haven. Mr. Seymour was also the prime-mover in the erection of a tablet to his friend, Professor Edward T. McLaughlin, in Battell Chapel, and secured Russell Sturgis, Jr., to design the tablet.

A lifelong interest in Captain Nathan Hale induced Mr. Seymour to buy, in 1914, the neglected and abandoned birthplace of the patriot in South Coventry in Tolland County—a stately farmhouse built in 1776 by Nathan's father, Deacon Richard Hale, who incorporated in it a fragment of the actual birth house built by him on substantially the same site in 1746. The farm contained three hundred and

two acres of which fifty were added to the acreage after Deacon Hale's death in 1802. Mr. Seymour reconditioned the mansion with knowledge and taste, gathered furnishings of Connecticut origin for it, including some pieces of immediate Hale interest, such as Hale's army trunk. In order to protect the property, Mr. Seymour bought in 1925 another farm on the opposite side of the highway, with a house of about 1720 in which Hale's "good grandmother Strong" lived and died. This house is now called "Northampton House," thus memorializing that early group of settlers of Coventry, including the Strongs, who removed there from Northampton, Massachusetts, to escape the menace of the Indians. This old fabric has also been reconditioned and furnished. The present property of nearly a thousand acres is now being managed on principles of practical forestry under the direction of Mr. George A. Cromie. Apart from their historic interest in connection with Hale, both of these homes are of marked interest to the students of early Connecticut domestic architecture.

Mr. Seymour's interest in Nathan Hale also made him the "prime-mover" in the erection in 1913 of a statue of Hale, who was of the Yale Class of 1773, on the Old Campus of Yale College—a sustained effort of sixteen years and "crowned" only after many vicissitudes. The statue was designed by Bela Lyon Pratt, and near the Hale mansion in Coventry Mr. Seymour has erected a bronze replica of it.

In 1925 the Federal Government, through Mr. Seymour's persistent efforts of something over two years, issued a half-cent Federal stamp bearing the head of Pratt's "Hale." Nearly three billion of these stamps have now been printed and issued. In a very real sense, these stamps, freely circulating everywhere from coast to coast, have made the nation "Hale-conscious." Mr. Seymour has presented many framed life-sized photographs of the head and bust of Pratt's "Hale" to schools, libraries, etc., throughout the State.

A collector nearly all his life, particularly of early New England furniture, Mr. Seymour has not only furnished his house in New Haven and his two houses in Coventry with antique furniture and household goods, but has on deposit in the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford an extensive collection of early pieces, including many specimens of seventeenth century oak, as well as some painted pine chests. It has been his aim to collect only pieces of Connecticut origin. In the main he has specialized in pre-Revolutionary house-

hold things, and he is regarded as no mean authority in that field. He has also on deposit in the Atheneum a small collection of old silver, and in the Hale Mansion he has brought together a considerable collection of early Connecticut folk-pottery (made in New London and Norwich), and a collection of the painted basketry of the Mohegan Indians.

In 1931 Mr. Seymour presented to the town of Newington as a memorial to his mother and her family, a tract of about twenty acres of farm land, to be used primarily as a playground, the land being a fragment of the farm occupied by her Churchill forbears since the early days of the Colony, and including the site of the mansion, which was built in 1761 by his great-great-grandfather and was noted for the beauty of its highly-ornamented front doorway. This gift of land in Newington was the outgrowth of Mr. Seymour's long-continued interest in New Haven's recreational facilities in inside and waterfront parks, which he had helped so much to increase.

Mr. Seymour traveled in England and Scotland in 1889, on the Continent in 1905, and again on the Continent (by motor) in 1909 and in 1911. In 1900 he went with a party headed by the late Prof. Charles E. Beecher, then Director of the Peabody Museum, to witness the snake dance of the Moki Indians, and visited the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, the Painted Desert, and the Petrified Forest. In 1901 he went around the world with the Hon. Gifford Pinchot, whose errand was to secure material for a report to President Roosevelt on the forest resources of the Philippine Islands. Arrived at Manila after crossing Asia on the newly-opened Trans-Siberian Railway, they were the guests at the old palace of Malacanan of the Governor General and Mrs. Taft. Mr. Taft placed his official boat, the *Alava,* at their disposal, and they made an extensive tour of the Islands, taking in Sandakan in Borneo as a side trip. They returned home *via* Japan and the Hawaiian Islands. At that time, few persons had seen as much of the Islands as Mr. Pinchot and Mr. Seymour saw on this trip. In Manila Mr. Seymour renewed an acquaintance with Mr. Taft which was to grow into a close lifelong friendship.

Mr. Seymour has found, as he often says, that "the way of the reformer is hard," calling, as it does, for continuous study, for constant sacrifice of time and patience, and above all for a philosophical spirit to bear frustrations, derision, and disappointments. Looking backward, he regrets most of all the failure to realize what was an important feature of the improvement plan advocated in 1907 by

Messrs. Gilbert and Olmsted, the creation of a park-bordered marginal highway extending along the harbor front of New Haven, providing near access to the water from the center of the city, and a route for east and west traffic that would have avoided the center of the city and relieved congestion. One has but to look at a map of New Haven and note the vacant acres back of the railway station, to realize what New Haven daily misses in convenience of transportation, and how our citizens, although they live so close to the sea, are deprived of the advantages and pleasure of it.

As little fruitful as Mr. Seymour's city and harbor improvement efforts were, considering the time, energy and labor invested in them, and as compared with his hope of benefits to proceed from them, if in reasonable measure realized, he has at least the sustaining consciousness that he is on "the side of the future."

As a member of the State Commission of Sculpture, Mr. Seymour some years ago advocated memorials in the Capitol at Hartford to John Brown of Osawatomie and to Harriet Beecher Stowe, both natives of Connecticut and both outstanding contributors to the cause of human freedom. This proposition never got to the public, and what the public reaction would have been is a matter of speculation; but he mentioned the matter to Colonel Osborn, who said, "Until the pen drops from my palsied fingers I will oppose in the columns of the *Journal-Courier* a proposition to erect any memorial to John Brown in the Capitol at Hartford." At the same time the late Professor Henry Augustine Beers said, "I will use my pen as long as I can write to forward your proposition to erect a memorial to John Brown in the Capitol. You remember that Emerson said, 'John Brown has made the gallows as sacred as the cross.' "

The foregoing account of the author's public activities was prepared some years ago for a different purpose, and it is included here at this time perforce because, as the result of a shock suffered by the author two years ago, he has been unable to go through his papers and files for the preparation of an account of his activities, which if written to-day would be far less detailed. Nevertheless, he is now constrained to add some later items. One of them is the purchase in Coventry of the Joseph Huntington Parsonage, built about 1764, in which Nathan Hale was prepared for Yale College. Another is the erection, with suitable inscriptions, of four granite markers of historical sites connected with Nathan Hale and one marking the site

of the first house built in Coventry. Another is erecting a suitable monument in the town of Bolton to mark the forgotten grave of Ralph Earl, the Revolutionary portrait painter. Still others are the employment of an expert to recondition a number of early portraits in the possession of the Connecticut Historical Society and the commission of a well-known American artist to paint a portrait of his friend, Chief-Justice Taft, for the Robing Room of the United States Supreme Court Building in Washington.

Mr. Seymour was a member of the Mayor's committee to celebrate the Tercentenary of New Haven and a member of the committee for the erection of a Cenotaph to Theophilus Eaton, the first Governor of the New Haven Colony. During the Tercentenary year he compiled and published a brochure entitled "Memorials of Governor Eaton." He has also prepared for publication a "Documentary Life of Nathan Hale," this at the suggestion many years ago of the late Professor Thomas R. Lounsbury of Yale. At present he is preparing to erect at the Birthplace a monument to his veteran riding horse, who died nearly a year ago, a horse so highly educated, so great a gentleman, that he seemed deserving of a Latin inscription, which has been prepared by a learned Latinist of Yale.

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A list of the major portion of articles which Mr. Seymour from time to time has published on early Connecticut architects and their work has been included in the appendix to this history.

Mr. Seymour is a Congregationalist and in politics a Republican. He received the honorary degree of M.A. from Yale College in 1913, and the degree of L.H.D. from George Washington University in 1921.

Clubs—Dissenters, Graduates, Elizabethan, New Haven; Acorn, Connecticut; Cosmos, Washington; Century, Coffee House, Yale, and Ends of the Earth, New York.

Vice-president Connecticut Historical Society; member New Haven Colony Historical Society; honorary member Chicago, Mattatuck (Waterbury), and Wallingford Historical societies; member Board of Trustees, Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford; chairman State Commission of Sculpture; corresponding member American Institute of Architects; sometime (twenty-five years) member Board of Trustees of The Henry Whitfield State Historical Museum, Guilford; member Board of Trustees, Thomas Lee House, East Lyme; member Board of Trustees, Donald G. Mitchell Memorial Library, Westville; member Board of Managers of New Haven Dispensary; member of New Haven Commission on Zoning; member Committee on Restoration of the Glebe House, Woodbury (and first to urge it); member General Committee of the Yale Pageant (1916); chairman of Sub-Committee on Medals, Stamps and Coin, State of Connecticut Tercentenary Commission; member Committee for Building New Haven Public Library; member Committee on Cornelius Bushnell Memorial; chairman of Tablet Committee of the United Church; member General Committee on the Commemoration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Removal of Yale College to New Haven; sometime member New Haven Municipal Art Commission; member Jury for Selecting Design for Veterans' Home at Rocky Hill; member New Haven World War Memorial Committee; secretary, 1913-24, New Haven City Improvement Commission; member New Haven Harbor Development (State) Commission, and writer of its report dated October 1, 1922; for many years active member New Haven Chamber of Commerce; honorary member Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati; member Connecticut Society Colonial Wars (sometime secretary); member Connecticut Society Sons of the Revolution; honorary member Beaumont Medical Society; vice-president Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities; vice-president American Federation of Arts; honorary associate fellow of Berkeley College, Yale University; honorary member Phi Chi Chapter of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity; member Hiram Lodge, No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; member Walpole Society; member City Hall Building Commission; member The American Friends of Lafayette; member New Haven County Bar Association; member The Yale Alumni Association of New Haven; chairman New Haven Municipal Art Commission, 1933; member Connecticut Fish and Game Association; member Mory's Association; member American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.

297. Rt. Rev. George Franklin[8] Seymour (*Isaac Newton*[7], *Jesse*[6], *William*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at New York, N. Y., 25 Jan. 1829, died at Springfield, Ill., Dec. 1906; married at New York, N. Y., 23 July 1889, Harriet Atwood (Downe) Aymar. No children.

He began his education at the Columbia Grammar School, and was graduated as Greek salutatorian and at the head of his class from Columbia University (A.B., 1850; A.M., 1853). He was graduated from the General Theological Seminary in 1854, and was ordained deacon in the Church of the Annunciation, New York, 17 Dec. 1854, by Bishop Horatio Potter, who gave him priest's orders in Zion Church, Greenburg (Dobbs Ferry), N. Y., 23 Sept. 1855.

His first field of labor was as a missionary at Annandale, Dutchess County, N. Y., from Jan. 1855 until July 1861. There he added to his pastoral work the founding of St. Stephen's College, of which he became the first warden. He was next transferred, Nov. 1861, to St. Mary's Church, Manhattanville, and in Oct. 1862 assumed charge of Christ Church, Hudson, N. Y., and a year later of St. John's Church, Brooklyn.

After serving these rectorships, the larger phase of Bishop Seymour's work opened with his installation as professor of Ecclesiastical History in the General Theological Seminary in 1865, and in 1875 he was chosen dean of the Seminary, a position which he filled in addition to his professorial duties. In Sept. 1874, he was elected Bishop of Illinois, but because of his strong ritualistic tendencies the House of Deputies did not confirm the election. During this period, he was invited to several rectorships, in Chicago, San Francisco, and elsewhere, but declined. He was active in raising $30,000 for new chapel and library buildings for the Seminary, and opposed its removal from the city into the country. From 1867 to 1879 he served as Chaplain to the House of Mercy, New York, without salary. He was also superintendent of the Society for Promoting Religion and Learning in the State of New York until 1878. He received the degree of D.D. from Racine in 1867, and that of LL.D. from Columbia in 1878; and afterwards, in 1905, that of D.C.L. from University of the South.

On 19 Dec. 1877, he was unanimously chosen Bishop of the new Diocese of Springfield (Illinois), and the election was confirmed by the standing committees and the House of Deputies, but Dr. Seymour declined in Apr. 1878. The Convention of the Diocese, at its annual

meeting, May 1878, again unanimously chose him and requested the withdrawal of his declination. He was consecrated in Trinity Church, New York, 11 June 1878, by Bishops Potter, Southgate, Odenheimer, Lay, Quintard, Clarkson, Neely, Scarborough, and McLaren, together with the Bishop of Christ Church and Metropolitan of New Zealand, Dr. H. J. C. Harper.

Seymour brought to his episcopal work the results of deep and thorough study and a wide experience. His diocese prospered under his administration, and was well supplied with schools and other agencies for promoting the spread of the gospel. He attended the third Pan-Anglican Council held at Lambeth Palace, London, in July 1888, and during the conference made an address that was much admired.

"Seymour was an ardent Anglo-Catholic, in full agreement with the principles taught by Pusey. He broke with the more conservative high churchmen by defending the expression of doctrine in ritual, promoting the rise of amonastic communities, and pleading for toleration for those who had more advanced opinions that he did."—*Dictionary of American Biography,* quoted by permission.

Bishop Seymour was a scholar and teacher, an ecclesiastical historian, a man of great culture; an accomplished canonist, an eloquent and forceful speaker, a skilled controversialist, a ready writer. He was a "high churchman," and maintained a very strong position on the subject of divorce and the indissolubility of the marriage relation. He published *Some Considerations Why the Name of the Protestant Episcopal Church Should be Changed* (1887), advocating the title "Church of the United States"; and *Modern Romanism Not Catholicity* (1888). His high intellectual endowment was spiritualized and sweetened by great beauty of character.

His picture is inserted, furnished the author by his successor in the diocese of Springfield, the Rt. Rev. John Chanler White.

298. NORMAN[8] SEYMOUR (*Norman*[7], *Norman*[6], *Timothy*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Herkimer, N. Y., 16 Dec. 1819, died at Mt. Morris, N. Y., 21 Feb. 1892; married 21 Oct. 1843, FRANCES HALE METCALF, born at Port Hope, Canada West, 22 Nov. 1825, daughter of Henry Hale and Mary (Bond) of Keene, N. H.

He was a merchant for forty years, of Mt. Morris, N. Y., and was

one of the founders of the Livingston County Historical Society; author of the History of Livingston County, N. Y.

Children, born at Mt. Morris, N. Y.:

i. Mary Catherine[6], b. 29 Aug. 1844; m. 18 Aug. 1868, George Rogers Howell, b. at Southampton, L. I., 15 June 1833, d. at Albany, N. Y., 5 Apr. 1899, s. of Capt. Charles and Mary (Rogers). He was graduated from Yale College, 1854; author of History of Southampton, N. Y. (1887); State Librarian, New York, 1872-1899.

ii. Henry Hale, b. 27 Oct. 1846.

iii. Norman Alexander, b. 14 Feb. 1849; m. at Rochester, N. Y., 1 Sept. 1874, Mary Elizabeth Curtis, b. at Rochester, 8 Aug. 1853, dau. of Joseph and Mary Braithwaite (Fish). Children:

I. Mary Frances[10], b. 13 June 1875; m. 22 June 1898, Frank Eastwood Van Dorn.

II. Elizabeth Katharine, b. 10 Nov. 1877.

III. Charlotte, b. 22 Apr. 1882.

iv. Edward Chase, b. 15 Mar. 1855.

Henry Hale[9] Seymour (1846-) was educated at Mt. Morris Academy and Dartmouth College (1867-68), and was graduated (B.S.) from Cornell University, 1871, where he was winner of the Goldsmith prize. He visited Europe six times. He settled in Buffalo, N. Y.; bar examiner, 4th Department, 1884-93; Lt.-Col., Judge Advocate, 4th Division, National Guard, New York, 1889; lecturer on agency and partnership, Buffalo Law School, 1889-94; U. S. Commissioner of Jurors since 1890; Erie County Supreme Court, Deputy Commissioner of Jurors, since 1895. He was author of "Ceramic Art in Egypt." He was a member of Buffalo Club, and president of University Club, and owned a country place, "The Terraces," Mt. Morris, N. Y.

299. McNeil[8] Seymour (*Norman*[7], *Norman*[6], *Timothy*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Rome, N. Y., 5 Jan. 1822, died at Mt. Morris, N. Y., 7 May 1870; married at Rockford, Ill., 8 Jan. 1857, Elmira Adaline Burpee, born at Cornwall, Canada East, 1 May 1828, died at St. Paul, Minn., 25 Apr. 1903, daughter of Elijah and Myra (Bailey).

He was graduated from Oberlin College, N. Y., 1843; admitted to the Bar, 1847; member of State Legislature from Livingston County, N. Y., 1855.

Children, born at Mt. Morris:

i. McNeil Vernam[9], b. 29 Oct. 1857; grad. Hamilton College, 1879; attorney-at-law; m. at St. Paul, 17 Sept. 1895, Lenore Banning Horn, b. Nov. 1872; res. (1919) St. Paul. Children:

I. McNeil Vernam[10], b. 20 Nov. 1896.
II. Alexander (twin), b. 6 Jan. 1904.
III. Lenore (twin), b. 6 Jan. 1904.

ii. Anna Isabel, b. 2 Nov. 1860; res. (1919) St. Paul; grad. Elmira College, 1879; m. at Mt. Morris, 15 Sept. 1879, Edward Charles Stringer, b. at Auburn, N. Y., 19 June 1852, d. at St. Paul, 8 July 1916, s. of William and Mary Ann (Peak).

300. Maj.-Gen. Truman[8] Seymour (*Truman*[7], *Truman*[6], *Timothy*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Burlington, Vt., 25 Sept. 1824, died at Florence, Italy, 31 Oct. 1891; married 11 Aug. 1852, Louise Weir, born at New York City, 11 Nov. 1832, daughter of Prof. Robert Walter and Louisa (Ferguson).

He was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, as 2d Lieutenant, 1st Artillery, 1 July 1846. He served in the War with Mexico, and was present at the Battles of Cerro Gordo, 17-18 Apr. 1847, La Hoya, 20 June 1847, Contreras, 19-20 Aug. 1847, Churubusco, 20 Aug. 1847, assault and capture of City of Mexico, 13-14 Sept. 1847. He was commissioned 1st Lieutenant, 1st Artillery, 26 Aug. 1847. From 1850 to 1853 he was assistant professor of drawing at West Point. He served in Florida against the Seminoles, 1856-58, and was in Europe, 1859-60; commissioned Captain, 1st Artillery, 22 Nov. 1860.

He served throughout the Civil War, being stationed at Fort Sumter from 26 Dec. 1860 to 14 Apr. 1861. He was transferred to the 5th Artillery, 14 May 1861, and was made Brigadier-General of U. S. Volunteers, 28 Apr. 1862, serving in the various campaigns in Virginia and Maryland. He commanded the left wing at Mechanicsville, 26 June, leading a division at Malvern Hill, 1 July. He participated at Bull Run, 29-30 Aug., South Mountain, 14 Sept., and Antietam, 17 Sept.

After 18 Nov. 1862, he was in the Department of the South, serving as Chief of Staff and Artillery. In 1863 he took part in the attack on Morris Island, 10 July; and commanded the assault on Fort Wagner, 18 July, where he was wounded. He commanded the expedition to Florida, Feb. 1864; commanded a division of the 6th

Corps, Army of the Potomac, in the Battle of the Wilderness, 5-6 May, where he was captured "under fire." Exchanged 9 Aug. 1864, he commanded the 3d Division, 6th Corps, in Shenandoah Valley that autumn, and before Petersburg, 1864-65, and took part in the attack of 26 Mar. and the general assault of 2 Apr. He was present at the capitulation of Lee, Appomattox, 9 Apr. 1865. Mustered out of volunteer service, 24 Aug. 1865, he was commissioned Major of the 5th Artillery, 13 Aug. 1866, and commanded forts in Florida, Fort Warren, Mass., in 1869-70, and Fort Preble, Me., in 1870-75. He was retired from active service, 1 Nov. 1876.

Brevet 1st Lieut., 18 Apr. 1847, "for gallant and meritorious conduct in the Battle of Cerro Gordo, Mexico." Brevet Captain, 20 Aug. 1847, "for gallant and meritorious conduct in the battles of Contreras and Churubusco, Mexico." Brevet Major, 14 Apr. 1861, "for gallant and meritorious services in the defence of Fort Sumter, S. C." Brevet Lieut. Colonel, 14 Sept. 1862, "for gallant and meritorious services in the battle of South Mountain, Md." Brevet Colonel, 17 Sept. 1862, "for gallant and meritorious services in the battle of Antietam, Md." Brevet Brigadier-General, 13 Mar. 1865, "for gallant and meritorious services in the capture of Petersburg, Md." Brevet Major General, 13 Mar. 1865, "for gallant and meritorious services in the field during the War." Brevet Major General, U. S. Volunteers, 13 Mar. 1865, "for ability and energy in handling his Division, and for gallantry and valuable services in action."

Gen. Seymour was an artist of ability, and after his retirement from the Army went abroad and settled in Florence. He received the degree of A.M. from Williams College, Mass., 1865. He was proficient in painting in water color, and in Europe devoted himself to this, to sketching, and to the study of art collections. A nephew states: "He was a good flute player, and wrote the bugle calls used in our army. He was slender and of good height and very grizzled as I knew him. He spoke with decision and was no pussy-foot." He also states that after the General's capture in the Civil War, when being taken to Richmond by train, he made a speech to the assembled mob from the rear platform, telling them that if they attempted an invasion of the North, the women would come out with their brooms and sweep them into the sea.

Gen. Truman Seymour felt a great interest in the family history, and deserves recognition as one of its earliest historians. He wrote in 1880: "In 1857 or '58 Prof. N. P. Seymour very kindly supplied

me with the foundation for my labors and I then intended to obtain only the history of my own branch; ill health in 1859 compelled me to be abroad for one year: on my return in 1860 the war interfered with my progress, and after the war my duties demanded all my attention. I found that it would be the work of a lifetime to embrace the whole family." He nevertheless collected and compiled a very complete record of his branch, which he afterwards turned over to Miss Mary Kingsbury Talcott, among whose papers it has been found.

The Dictionary of American Biography contains a comprehensive account of General Seymour and sums up his character as follows: "Brave and steady as a leader, he was modest and unaggressive in the promotion of his own ambitions. He won the regard of his subordinates by uniform courtesy and unfailing care for their welfare. He was, however, a man of strong prejudices with a tendency to impulsive action which retarded the advancement his training, experience and devotion would otherwise have merited."

The tablet to his memory in the Memorial Hall at West Point bears a very fine bas-relief of him by Launt Thompson, which was incorporated in the design of the tablet by his wife's nephew, Edward P. Casey. The portrait of him in the present volume was painted by his father-in-law, Prof. Robert Weir of West Point, now at the "Bishop's House," Providence, R. I., owned by Prof. Weir's granddaughter, wife of the Rt. Rev. James DeWolfe Perry, Bishop of Rhode Island.

Child, born at Waterford, N. Y.:

i. Truman Stewart[9], b. 27 May 1859; d. at West Point, 28 Sept. 1859.

301. William Henry[8] Seymour (*Truman*[7], *Truman*[6], *Timothy*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Albany, N. Y., 10 Sept. 1838, died at Los Angeles, Calif., about 1904; married first, Mary Eliza Cottrell, born at Granville, N. Y., 18 Sept. 1842, died at Troy, N. Y., 25 Apr. 1866, daughter of Charles and Eliza C. (Rubbalee); married second, at Jersey City, N. J., 23 Apr. 1877, Louise Gautier Steele, born at Jersey City, N. J., 1 May 1849, daughter of Henry and Eliza (Lyon).

He was a representative of the Cluett Company.

Child by second wife:

i. GEORGE STEELE[9], b. at Jersey City, N. J., 20 Jan. 1878; m. at Washington, D. C., 3 July 1915, FLORA WARREN SMITH, b. at Cleveland, Ohio, 24 Jan. 1881, dau. of Charles Payne and Elinor (De Forest). He was auditor of miscellaneous accounts, Pullman Car Lines, residing in Chicago, Ill.

302. THOMAS DAY[8] SEYMOUR (*Nathan Perkins*[7], *Charles*[6], *Charles*[5], *Timothy*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hudson, Ohio, 1 Apr. 1848, died at New Haven, Conn., 31 Dec. 1907; married at Michigan City, Ind., 2 July 1874, SARAH MELISSA[8] HITCHCOCK, born at Columbus, Ohio, 27 Sept. 1846, died 20 Mar. 1916, daughter of Rev. Dr. Henry Lawrence[7] (*Peter*[6], *Valentine*[5], *Peter*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Matthias*[1]) and Clarissa Mary Sophia (Ford).

Hudson, Ohio, at the time of Seymour's birth, was intensely New England in its life, dominated by Western Reserve College, the "Yale of the West," where his father was professor of Greek and Latin. The character of the boy developed under the influence of the finest of the Puritan characteristics: self-sacrifice, thrift, the dignity of unremitting labor, intense but reserved religious devotion. He was also subject to the intellectual and aesthetic atmosphere of the College. Brought up in the midst of books, for his father's library was at one time "distinctly the best library west of the Alleghanies," a "great worker, with a passion for accuracy," the youth early acquired a knowledge of the best literature. Studious and reserved in manner, he always longed for travel and new experience. At the age of sixteen he came to Hartford, Connecticut, to work on the *Courant*; too young for the army he joined the Christian Commission, was attached to Grant's victorious army and entered Richmond immediately after Lee's surrender. He returned to Hudson, entered Western Reserve in 1866, graduating four years later as valedictorian of his class. In college his social instincts expanded; he was a prominent member of the Glee Club and of Alpha Delta Phi.

The young Seymour hesitated between the ministry and a life of scholarship. His love of the classics decided the problem and led him to seek the best instruction then available in the world, in the German universities. After receiving an honorary B.A. from Yale, a rare distinction, he went to Leipzig in September, 1870, on to Berlin for the second semester, and back to Leipzig again in the autumn of 1871. He not merely studied under the greatest classical

scholars of the day, but travelled afoot in the Black Forest and Switzerland, stayed in Paris, visited Italy, and in the spring of 1872 made his first trip through Greece. The adventures he and his friend D'Ooge experienced in the Greek interior, then infested with bandits, were such that the American minister regarded their safe return as an event of sufficient importance to be made the subject of a special despatch to his government.

In the autumn of 1872 Seymour returned to Hudson to be Professor of Greek, a position to which he had been elected two years previously and which he was to hold until 1880. He threw himself into the routine drudgery of the Western Reserve faculty with enthusiasm and at once captured the affection of his students. But he was by no means content to meet routine obligations in a narrow academic circle; he sought always the companionship of scholars throughout the nation. He became a member of the American Philological Association, attended its annual meetings with regularity. He thus formed close friendships with the leading classicists of America and began to exert marked influence upon philological studies. In 1880, at the age of 32, he was called to Yale as Professor of the Greek Language and Literature.

For the following twenty-seven years Seymour's life was bound up with that of Yale College. With the untimely death of Packard, in 1884, he became head of the Greek Department, and took an active part in faculty debates on the curriculum and on college management. He offered courses to seniors, juniors, and graduate students over a wide range of study: Homer, Pindar, Greek tragedy, Thucydides, Plato and Aristotle, Demosthenes and Isocrates, Theocritus, the Septuagint, the New Testament, Bacchylides, the Greek dialects. Plato was his constant companion. He carried some part of the text with him when he travelled, whether on the train or on the steamer, and reread it constantly. The *Republic* he made a practice of reading every summer as he did the entire *Iliad* and *Odyssey*. He was a constant student of the Greek Testament, which he knew almost by heart. "He was," wrote the classical authority, John Williams White, "the best Homeric scholar that America has produced." His contributions to the study and interpretations of Homer were numerous. In the last year of his life he published *Life in the Homeric Age*, his largest single contribution to knowledge and that upon which his fame as scholar chiefly rests.

Seymour taught continuously until his death in 1907 without

taking an entire year's leave of absence; only twice did he allow himself to discontinue his teaching to go abroad in March. He carried a schedule which today would be regarded as impossible. One year he taught twenty-four hours a week, setting the hours for one of his graduate courses from ten in the evening until midnight. "I have always been impressed," one of his colleagues wrote, "by his extraordinary industry, a capacity and passion for work, but this consecration to hard work was not at all slavish or mechanical. Into it he put discrimination and intelligent enthusiasm and buoyancy of spirit. This joyous industry was natural to him." To his teaching duties he added a vast amount of administrative work, for in those days the Yale College faculty decided and administered its educational policy. It was said that he had never refused service upon a committee. For years he was chairman of the Committee on Admissions, and served as Yale representative on the larger New England Committee. He organized the Classical Club at Yale and was largely responsible for the growth of its library. His interests transcended his special field. Because of his love of music he worked with Dr. Stoeckel for the development of the college choir, was largely responsible for the organization of the School of Music and the choice of Horatio Parker as its first Dean. He assisted in the editing of the College Hymnal and served for a long time as chairman of the committee to choose college preachers.

His activities in the general world of classical scholarship were constant. He was one of the editors of the *Classical Review*, joined with Packard and White in editing the college series of Greek authors, and was influential in the founding of the American School at Athens. He was chairman of the managing committee of the School from 1887 to 1902, a period of rapid and successful development. In 1903 he became president of the Archaeological Institute of America, a position he held until his death. It is certain that his range of personal friendship with classical students, young and old, was wider than that of any other American. He gave summer courses in Chautauqua, Chicago, and California. Four summers and two half-years he spent in Europe, primarily as student rather than tourist, for he never took a vacation. He never lost his eagerness to learn. He loved to visit the foreign universities, talk with their professors, listen to their lectures. In Greece he visited the excavations and was never deterred by any hardships incidental to travel. In 1894 his alma mater, Western Reserve, gave him the degree of

LL.D. The same degree was given him in 1901 by Glasgow University and in 1906 by Harvard.

Professor Seymour was delicate as a boy because of a severe attack of rheumatic fever. This he overcame so that in manhood he enjoyed a fine constitution, which made possible his prodigious industry. He was woefully near-sighted and thus prevented from playing ball or tennis or golf. Walking he enjoyed and always looked back to his early trips in the White Mountains and Switzerland as the recreation he enjoyed most. He stood six feet in his stockings, although at the end of his life he acquired the scholar's stoop, and weighed 175 pounds. By reason of his beard, which he wore long, and early greyness, he looked much older than his years, and took whimsical delight in posing as a patriarch. His health was such that he never missed a class exercise by reason of illness until his last. He was struck by grippe on Thanksgiving Day, 1907, just as his *Life in the Homeric Age* was published. He was unable to throw off the attack, which after four weeks developed into pneumonia. He died on December 31, 1907. His mind wandered during his last days and he imagined himself to be back in Athens in company with his friends of the Archaeological Institute, and almost his last words referred to the beauty of the Acropolis in the early morning light.

He was married July 2, 1874, to Sarah Melissa Hitchcock, daughter of President Hitchcock of Western Reserve. There existed between them an understanding so perfect that it was instinctive for the children to assume that no matter what the problem their parents looked at it in the same light.

Apart from the range and depth of his scholarship Professor Seymour's most striking trait was his love of human companionship and the vivid interest he took in the problems of those he met. He was not a ready "mixer," did not enjoy casual club life, and when out of his habitual surroundings gave the appearance of reserve or shyness. But with his intimates and with those who he felt shared his own tastes he expanded into a beaming geniality illuminated by a keen sense of humor. He loved group games, group singing, general conversation. Human institutions were for him of vital importance, and of all the family was the most important. He came home regularly for three meals a day and every member of the family was expected to be prompt. Cheerfulness and interest in what the others were doing he took as a matter of course from each

of his children. Sunday afternoons he read aloud regularly; as the children grew older the Greek New Testament, especially Acts and the Epistles, were read by the family, the children translating and he himself interpreting. Every Sunday evening he held regular family prayers where a psalm would be repeated in unison and three hymns sung in parts. Family festivals, such as Thanksgiving and Christmas, were carefully observed. He delighted in large family gatherings. Any cousins in Yale, no matter how distant, he invited to the house, some of them never failing to appear for Sunday dinner. Relatives and even friends of relatives were accepted at the house for long visits. Frequently his children would murmur among themselves, not caring for some of the visitors; but they were never allowed to express anything but pleasure when a visitor appeared. Foreign scholars frequently stayed at the house, on their visits to this country, and the guest book showed an extraordinary range of acquaintanceships. Students who could not go home for vacation, especially the poorer graduate students, would be brought in to family meals. Professor Seymour was able to live thus sociably and yet carry on his work through rare powers of concentration. His correspondence was large and he wrote his letters by hand. Regularly after a meal he would sit down in the library, entering into family conversation freely while at the same time he wrote his letters with lightning speed and clear chirography.

With strong likes and dislikes, Professor Seymour had absolute control of his temper and never permitted himself or anyone about him to impute unworthy motives to anyone else. His son, to the day of his father's death, never heard criticism of a man or woman, although the elder Seymour would at times criticize qualities in the abstract with vehemence. But generally he expressed himself by praise. His favorite character in Theophrastus was "The Magnanimous Man," and his love of largeness of spirit was a salient trait.

The following reminiscences are provided by his daughter, Mrs. Angel:

> He was devoted to the *family*, to his forbears and to all his own generation. The word "kinsman" as he used it was one of the most affectionate of titles. He welcomed cousins to his home with the greatest happiness; indeed the strongest reason for his rejoicing in the large house on Hillhouse Avenue was that he could ask relatives there freely. His children never heard adverse criticism of relatives, never the smallest hint even. This was characteristic of him in general, too, that he seldom expressed before his family any disapproval

of others, whoever they were. We were told that he was known as "the peacemaker" on the Yale Faculty. He loved geniality, and it irked him to feel a lack of this in others. He kept himself to a routine of hard work, home for three meals a day, at work three sessions in college, in class or in his "college room," which was first in North College, one of the old Brick Row, then in Phelps Hall. He would normally work there until ten o'clock at night, except when the "Old Gentleman's Club" had a meeting, or there was a concert to go to, or an occasional dinner party. He used to say that one had to run always in order not to drop behind. He took no regular exercise. He had enjoyed rowing, and used to take his children when they were small out on Lake Whitney. About 1898 or 1899 he bought a second hand bicycle, heavy with solid tires, and would take small rides on it before breakfast. He said it had to be at that hour because it shied at traffic. As a young man, he had been a good walker, and used to take his vacations from home in that way, walking with other Philologists in the White Mountains. He always walked to and from home to college, which amounted to about three miles a day in the last years of his life.

He had almost no relaxations—except concerts or evenings with friends occasionally. On his trips to Europe, particularly to Greece, he was always reading Greek on shipboard and in trains. Homer he read through every summer, one of his greatest pleasures.

Music was dear to him. In his early years at Yale, he sang with his wife in a choral society but by the time Horatio Parker was conducting his Oratorio Society, he said his voice was gone, and he was too busy. It is my impression that it was he chiefly who was responsible for bringing Chamber Concerts to New Haven (The Kneisel and the Beethoven Quartettes) in the North Sheffield Hall, and also that it was he who helped to start the Music department at Yale and to bring Horatio Parker there.

He loved to read aloud, translating Plato and Homer to his family. There was astonishment in our family once when the wife of a visiting Greek professor confessed that she did not know what Greek authors her husband loved most; this would have been impossible in our family.

He was always courteous even to bores. He was genuinely glad to see returning students and even let himself be imposed upon, as when a stranger, after breaking into a busy morning with an hour of purposeless talk, rose and said, "I really didn't know what to do with my time until I had to go to my train, but it has been very pleasant."

He always liked old people, thoroughly enjoyed—and was amused, as his family were not—at being called "venerable" even before he was 50. He did not live to be 60, yet many think of him as having been a patriarch. At Commencement time he would often fall in line with the early graduates in the procession, and felt that they took him into their group as a contemporary.

We include herein a picture of Professor Seymour as a Senior at Western Reserve, also one from a painting owned by his son, showing him in his later years, as well as one taken in his study at Phelps Hall.

Children:

i. ELIZABETH DAY[9], b. 21 Jan. 1876; m. in London, Eng., 25 Apr. 1914, JOHN ANGEL, b. at Newton Abbott, Devon, Eng., 1 Nov. 1881. Children:

I. John Lawrence[10], b. in London, Eng., 21 Mar. 1915; educated in England until 1928, then at The Choate School, Wallingford; B.A. (Magna cum Laude), Harvard, 1936; ΦBK; m. 1 July 1937, Margaret Seymour Richardson, dau. of Henry B. and Margaret (Carpenter). He is a student of physical anthropology.

II. Henry Seymour, b. in London, Eng., 20 Jan. 1919; educated at The Choate School, Wallingford: student in Yale University, Class of 1940.

ii. CLARA HITCHCOCK, b. 28 Mar. 1880; m. at New Haven, 23 June 1906, GEORGE CLAIR ST. JOHN, b. at Simsbury, Conn., 29 Sept. 1877, son of Edward Francis and Charlotte Elizabeth (Cushman) St. John. Children, first three b. at New Haven, fourth at Wallingford, Conn.:

I. Elizabeth Seymour[10], b. 3 Aug. 1908.

II. George Clair, b. 3 Dec. 1910; m. at Islip, L. I., 19 Dec. 1936, Nancy Hoyt, dau. of Edwin Chase and Maria (Moran). He studied at Le Rosey, Rolle, Switzerland, graduated from The Choate School in 1928, studied for a year at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge University, and graduated from Harvard College in 1933. He taught for one year at Eton College, England, and since 1934 at The Choate School, Wallingford, Conn. His wife was graduated from Radcliffe College, 1933.

III. Seymour, b. 28 Feb. 1912; m. in Abington Church, Virginia, 20 June 1936, Margaret Gordon Spencer, dau. of Dr. John Blair and Susan (Gordon). He studied at Le Rosey, Rolle, Switzerland, and was graduated from The Choate School in 1929. He graduated from Yale College in 1933, and since then has taught at The Choate School, Wallingford. Child, b. at New Haven:

(1) Gordon Webb[11], b. 15 July 1937.

IV. Francis Cushman, b. 31 July 1916. He studied at Le Rosey, Rolle, Switzerland, and was graduated from The Choate School in 1934; student in Princeton University, Class of 1938.

iii. CHARLES, b. 1 Jan. 1885; m. 4 May 1911, GLADYS MARION WATKINS, b. at Pittston, Pa., 22 Sept. 1887, dau. of Thomas Hamer and Elizabeth Atwater (Law). Children, b. at New Haven:

I. Charles[10], b. 26 Feb. 1912; B.A. (Yale, 1935); Ph.D. (1938).

II. Elizabeth Atwater, b. 10 Feb. 1914. Studied at Rosemary Hall; Cours Maintenon, Cannes, France; and in Paris. Secretary and assistant sales manager of Studio House and in 1938 assistant director of Federal Art Project of Washington, D. C.

III. Sarah, b. 4 July 1920. Studied at Cours Maintenon, Cannes, France, and at the Westover School. Student in Vassar College in the class of 1942.

Elizabeth Day[9] (Seymour) Angel (1876-) at an early age displayed an interest in and rare capacity for the study of the Greek language and literature, obviously inherited from her father. She entered Bryn Mawr with the class of 1897 and graduated with high honors. Her interest in Greek was such that she completed the work for the M.A. during her senior year and took the degree at the same time with the B.A. She had her father's capacity for industry but lacked the physical stamina sufficient to work as hard as she wished. In 1905 she went out to Lake Erie College to teach classics. Her love for teaching was ineradicable. Her younger brother early discovered that he could bribe her to do anything he wanted merely by promising that he would let her help him in the preparation of his Greek lesson. Her health proved unequal to more than two years of this work. She continued her classical studies, travelled abroad, and in Greece met the English sculptor, John Angel, whom she married in 1914. They lived in England until after the War, when they moved to New York, where he was commissioned by Ralph Adams Cram to undertake sculptures on the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. When other commissions followed he became an American citizen and they made their permanent home in New York. In all respects she resembled her father more closely than the other children, not merely in her scholarly instincts but in her pleasure in group gatherings. Nothing is more remarkable than her capacity, having started from a strongly Puritan point of view, to mix with the variegated artistic circles into which her married life threw her. She writes of herself: "She always loved Greek language and literature, and got constant pleasure from it. The only reason this could come in as a characteristic point is that so far it represents the only classical inheritance from N. P. Seymour and T. D. Seymour, and that it took the place with her of an intense love of music in other members of the family."

John Angel is a sculptor of distinction. An Englishman by birth, he was educated in Exeter, and in Lambeth and Royal Academy

Schools of Art, London. He won prizes and scholarships in the Royal Academy, and finally, in 1912, the Gold Medal travelling scholarship, which gave him a year's study in Greece, Italy, and France. Excepting the year 1912, he was assistant to Sir George Frampton from 1908 to 1914.

Work in England: Exeter War Memorial; Bridgewater War Memorial; Rotherham, Yorkshire, Memorial; Madonna for Pusey House College, Oxford; Madonna for St. Mary's, Beverley; various statuettes now in Glasgow Academy of Fine Arts, in Exeter Art Museum, and in private collections. Fellow of Royal Society of British Sculptors, member of Art Workers' Guild, of St. John's Wood Arts Club, etc.

He came to the United States, Nov. 1925, and March 1936 became an American citizen. *Work in America*: In Cathedral of St. John the Divine, eight statuettes in Baptistry; in North Tower portal, nine martyr saints, eight feet high, each with pedestal on which is relief with scenes from the saint's life, eight Sibyls, thirty angels; three tympana in high relief, representing the Crucifixion, Christ before Pilate, and Christ bearing His cross; above the portal, the large granite figure of Archangel Michael; in South Tower portal, St. Paul for trumeau, an angel, three tympana representing the Nativity, the Annunciation, and the Adoration of the Magi. In Princeton University, chapel, tympanum of Majestas, west portal, and tympanum of Annunciation, north portal. In Pittsburgh, East Liberty Presbyterian church, Last Supper, in marble, and four saints. In St. Louis, Mo., Desloges Hospital chapel, panel of Crucifixion. In St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., panel of Christ among the doctors, and figure of St. Paul. Rice Institute, Texas, figure of William Marsh Rice. Vincennes, Ind., George Rogers Clark Memorial, granite figure of Francis Vigo. Chicago, Ill., twelve-foot figure of Alexander Hamilton. Austin, Texas, figure of Stephen F. Austin.

He received the honorary degree of Litt.D. from Columbia University, June 1936. Member of the Century Club, the Architectural League, the Sculptors' Society, Mediaeval Academy of America. Home, 468 Riverside Drive, New York City.

CLARA (SEYMOUR)[9] ST. JOHN (1880-), like her elder sister, went through school and college with the highest honors. She graduated from Bryn Mawr in 1900. She did not have the intense love of

the classics of her sister but handled them, as she handled any intellectual subject, with rare ability. Her mind was sharp and clear, she had uncanny rapidity of apprehension, and she expressed herself in beautifully written English. Her Bryn Mawr professors said that she could have become a first-rate scholar in any subject she chose. Probably the most brilliant of any of the line of Charles Seymour of Hartford, not excepting her father, T. D. Seymour, she would have made a first-rate business executive or corporation lawyer. Instead she married George C. St. John in 1906, and with him set out to build up The Choate School in Wallingford. Its influence in the larger Eastern universities has become notable. In this process Mrs. St. John has naturally remained in the background; but her influence with the boys, with the faculty, and with the visiting parents is a matter of general knowledge.

George Clair St. John was a native of Simsbury, Connecticut, the son of Edward Francis St. John, a farmer, and Charlotte Elizabeth Cushman, and was born in the house where his father and grandfather had also been born. He is a descendant of Robert Cushman, who was business manager of the Mayflower Expedition, and of his son, the Ruling Elder, Thomas Cushman, who lived in the home of Governor Bradford, and his wife Mary Allerton, who lived to be the last survivor of the Mayflower. He was graduated from the Hartford High School in 1898, and from Harvard College in 1902. He taught English at the Hill School 1902-1903, the Adirondack-Florida School in 1903-1907, the Hackley School in 1907-1908; and since 1908 has been Headmaster of The Choate School, Wallingford, Connecticut. He was ordained Deacon in the Episcopal Church in 1926, and Priest in 1928; received the honorary degree of M.A. from Williams College in 1933, and of LL.D. from Pittsburgh University in 1933. He is a member of the National Institute of Social Sciences, of the Harvard Club of Boston, the Graduate Club of New Haven, and the Century Club of New York.

Charles[9] Seymour (1885-), a native of New Haven, only son of the Greek scholar and head of the Yale Classical Department, Thomas Day Seymour, grandnephew of a president of Yale, and descendant of an earlier president, Thomas Clap, was reared in an atmosphere of learning. He prepared for college at Hillhouse High School, New Haven, and went from there to Kings College, Cam-

bridge, England, from which he received the degree of B.A. in 1904 at the early age of nineteen. He then entered Yale (B.A., 1908), where he rowed on his class crew, was manager of the varsity crew, president of the City Government Club, and a member, like his father and grandfather, of Alpha Delta Phi. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and in senior year won the De Forest medal for oratory.

Following graduation Seymour travelled in Europe, studied history at the Sorbonne in Paris and in 1909 received his M.A. degree from Cambridge University. He returned to the Yale Graduate School to complete his historical studies and in 1911 was given his Ph.D. Appointed instructor in history at Yale in 1911, he was promoted to assistant professor in 1915 and professor in 1918. Later he received the honorary degree of Litt.D. from Western Reserve and from Columbia, and of LL.D. from Trinity, from Princeton, and from Harvard. In 1915 he published his first book, *Electoral Reform in England and Wales* and the following year *The Diplomatic Background of the War*. He was married May 4, 1911 to Gladys Marion Watkins, daughter of Thomas H. Watkins of Scranton, Pennsylvania, a well-known coal operator who had served on the Roosevelt Coal Commission.

After American intervention in the world war Seymour was appointed to the House *Inquiry*, to prepare studies for the peace conference and later appointed special assistant in the Department of State. After the Armistice he accompanied President Wilson to the conference as chief of the Austro-Hungarian Division of the American Commission to Negotiate Peace. Later he served as United States delegate on the Rumanian and Jugoslav and the Czechoslovak Territorial Commissions. In those capacities he came in close contact with European diplomatists and political leaders. He returned at the end of the conference to his professorship at Yale.

When in 1922 Colonel House presented his papers to Yale, Seymour was appointed Curator of the collection and thereafter for fifteen years devoted himself to the study of the foreign relations of the United States during the period of the world war, although his undergraduate lectures and his graduate seminars dealt with European diplomacy from 1871. In 1921 he published *Woodrow Wilson and the World War* and edited *What Really Happened at Paris*, the latter in collaboration with Colonel House. There followed *The Intimate Papers of Colonel House*, 4 vols. (1926-28); *American Diplomacy*

during the World War (1933); and *American Neutrality, 1914-1917* (1935). He published also papers and occasional articles on historical topics. An honorary fellow of King's College, Cambridge, fellow of the Royal Historical Society, fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, he became a member of the board of editors of the *American Historical Review* and an advisory editor of *Foreign Affairs*. He is a member of the Century Club and an honorary member of the Society of the Cincinnati. He is also a director of the Second National Bank of New Haven.

In 1927 Seymour was appointed Provost of Yale University, in which position he was especially interested in the development of the undergraduate colleges established by the gift of Edward S. Harkness. Five years later he was appointed first master of Berkeley College. On the retirement of President Angell he succeeded him, as fifteenth president of Yale, inaugurated October 8, 1937.

His son, *Charles Seymour* (1912-), born in New Haven and schooled at Choate, was a student at King's College, Cambridge, for a year before entering Yale in 1931. He became a member of Zeta Psi, chairman of the board of editors of the *Literary Magazine*, president of Phi Beta Kappa, and was graduated, like his great-grandfather Nathan, who was also on the *Lit.* board, second in scholarship in his class. At Commencement he was awarded the Snow prize for outstanding distinction in scholarship, personality, and character. Appointed to a graduate travelling fellowship by Yale he spent the two following years in study in Paris under the mediaevalists Focillon and Aubert. He published in the *Gazette des Beaux Arts* and was commissioned by the French government to write the official history of the cathedral of Noyon. In 1937 he became an instructor in the history of art in the Yale School of Fine Arts. At the Yale Commencement of 1938, he received the Ph.D. degree, conferred by his father.

303. CHESTER[8] SEYMOUR (*Chester*[7], *Asa*[6], *Daniel*[5], *Daniel*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 24 Dec. 1823, died at Simsbury, Conn., 3 Mar. 1895; married at Simsbury, 27 June 1849, SABRA THANKFUL ENSIGN, born at Simsbury, 18 Aug. 1826, died at Hartford, 15 Nov. 1901.

He was a carriage manufacturer in Simsbury, and afterwards retired to a farm on the Granby Road in East Granby. He repre-

sented Simsbury in the Conn. Legislature, 1858, and East Granby, 1868. He was an Episcopalian, and a Democrat in politics.

Seymour was gifted with a keen, active mind, and unusual energy of character. Naturally choleric and impulsive, he was at the same time generous, tender-hearted and unselfish. In 1873 he was smitten with a severe attack of meningitis, and for weeks hovered between life and death. For over twenty-two years of invalidism which resulted, he fought life's battle to the end in true man fashion. Brave, open and sincere in word and deed, he hated, with all the intensity of an intense nature, the dreary platitudes of religious cant, but genuine religious feeling found a large place in his heart. He loved little children, and their presence in his sick-room was never an annoyance to him; and they returned his affection. To the end, he maintained a keen interest in life, and in the persons and things about him.

Children, four born at Simsbury, youngest at East Granby:

i. Franklin Chester[9], b. 17 May 1850; inventor and manufacturer; m. at St. Louis, Mich., 15 Nov. 1877, Elizabeth Reid Culbertson of Monongehela City, Pa. Children:

I. Mary Elizabeth[10], b. 24 Oct. 1881.
II. Gertrude, b. 11 Sept. 1883.

ii. Mary Florilla, b. 26 Mar. 1852; d. at Hartford, 12 June 1934; m. at Simsbury, 11 Apr. 1882, Joseph Toy, b. at Camborne, Cornwall, England, d. at Simsbury, 2 Apr. 1887. She was author of two novels: *When Summer Goes*, and *Lady Hamilton's Heredity*. Child: 1. *Josephine Seymour*[10], b. 19 Jan. 1884, d. 20 July 1909; m. at Hartford, 5 June 1907, Fred Starr Collins; had one child,—Josephine Toy[11], b. at Hartford, 5 July 1909.

iii. Moses Ensign, b. 2 Dec. 1856; d. at East Granby, 14 Feb. 1936; m. at Brooklyn, N. Y., 24 Apr. 1884, Marion Backus (sometimes spelled Marianne Bachaus, also Marian Barkhausen), b. at Bremen, Germany, 28 Apr. 1860, d. at the Hartford Hospital, 7 Aug. 1931. His life was spent in West Hartford and East Granby, where he was a dairyman and tobacco farmer, assessor, and Justice of the Peace. He accumulated considerable property, made three trips to Europe, and spent many winters in Florida. In politics, a Republican; in religion, an Episcopalian. He and his family were very prominent in Trinity Parish, Tariffville; at one time he was Senior Warden, his son, Edgar, Parish Treasurer, and his son Dudley, Delegate to Convention. Children, first two born at West Hartford, others at East Granby:

I. Clarence William[10], b. 14 Mar. 1885; m. 1 July 1922, Dorothy Belle Allyn, b. at Hartford, 12 May 1889, dau. of Robert and Alice Belle (Maine), and granddau. of

Timothy Mather Allyn, Mayor of Hartford (1858-60), builder and owner of the Allyn House. Child:

(1) Allyn[11], b. 17 May 1923.

II. Helen Emma, b. 19 Dec. 1886; d. 21 July 1916, unm.
III. Edgar Harold, b. 18 Apr. 1888.
IV. Chester Arthur, b. 17 Feb. 1890; d. 17 Sept. 1890.
V. Ann Margaret, b. 24 May 1891.
VI. Percy Waldo, b. 7 Sept. 1893; 1st Lieut. in U. S. Army during the World War.
VII. Richard Dudley, b. 18 June 1895; First Selectman of East Granby, 1934-35.
VIII. Kenneth Marion, b. 11 May 1897; Manager of Newgate Prison and Newgate Hotel, East Granby, Conn.; m. at Copper Hill, East Granby, 24 Oct. 1929, Maida Louise Griffin. Children:

(1) Kenneth M.[11], b. 29 Mar. 1931.
(2) Shirley Maida, b. 21 Aug. 1932.

IX. Roy Ensign, b. 28 May 1899.
X. Marion Nellie, b. 5 Dec. 1902.

iv. William Alfred, b. 9 Feb. 1860; m. at New Marlboro, Mass., 11 Nov. 1891, Ella Louise Rhoades, b. at New Marlboro, 24 Mar. 1863. He lived during early life in St. Louis, Mich., and Wollaston, Mass. After 1900, he lived in East Granby, Conn., serving the town as First Selectman and Representative in the Legislature, and in Nov. 1934 he was elected High Sheriff for Hartford County for four years, on the Democratic ticket. Children, born at Wollaston, Mass.:

I. Chester Rhoades[10], b. 11 June 1894; m. at Hartford, 3 Oct. 1923, Helen Roberts Tolles, b. at Hartford, 7 Nov. 1897. Children, born at Hartford:

(1) Jean Tolles[11], b. 3 Oct. 1925.
(2) Chester Tolles, b. 25 Sept. 1928.

II. Dorothy Frances, b. 22 June 1896; m. at Simsbury, Conn., 21 Oct. 1922, C. Edgar Blake, attorney and ass't treasurer of Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co.; res. Windsor, Conn. Child: 1. *Richard Seymour*, b. 23 Mar. 1926.

v. Lucius Henry, b. 20 May 1865; m. at Simsbury, 27 Apr. 1892, Nellie Louise St. John, b. at Simsbury, 9 July 1870, dau. of Edward F. and Charlotte (Ashman); no issue. He was a tobacco grower, of East Granby, Conn.

Clarence William[10] Seymour moved with his parents from West Hartford to East Granby in 1889, where he attended the

"Little Red School House" on the Tariffville-Granby Road. In 1903, he graduated from the Hartford Public High School as Class Orator. In 1907, after winning an election to the Scholarship Society of Phi Beta Kappa, and the Junior Society of Beta Theta Pi, he graduated from Yale College. In 1911, after winning several prizes for debating and public speaking, he received an LL.B. from the Yale Law School, and was admitted to the Connecticut Bar in June, 1911. Until 1927, he had an excellent law practice with the firm of Seymour, Parmelee and Carlson.

In 1920, he was elected a State Senator from the 1st Senatorial District in Hartford, Conn. In 1927, he represented West Hartford in the State Legislature and was a member of the Judiciary Committee. In 1930, he was the Republican nominee for Congress from the 1st Connecticut District, but was defeated by the Democratic landslide of that period.

In 1926 he purchased Old Newgate Prison in East Granby, Conn., and became President and Treasurer of the Newgate Historical Corporation, organized for the purpose of preserving this outstanding Connecticut ruin. In 1927, as President and Treasurer of the Allyn Theatre Corporation, he successfully managed the Allyn Theatre, a large picture and vaudeville house in Hartford, Conn., but sold out his interest and withdrew from this enterprise three years later. For several years he was a Director of the Capitol National Bank & Trust Co.

His military service covers a period of more than 21 years. On 14 Jan. 1914, he enlisted in Troop B of the Connecticut National Guard and spent 4 months with that organization on the Mexican Border in 1916. On 27 August 1917, after the entry of the United States into the World War, he was called into Federal service and received a commission as 1st Lieutenant of Artillery at the Plattsburg Training Camp, 27 Nov. 1917. Assigned at first to the Field Artillery Training Camp at Camp Stanley, Leon Spring, Texas, he was transferred to the 118th Field Artillery, 31st Division, at Camp Wheeler, and was appointed Judge Advocate of that brigade. He went to France with this outfit. He was promoted by President Wilson to Captain of Field Artillery in the Officers' Reserve Corp. on 24 March, 1919. On 10 July, 1923, he was appointed Major in the Judge Advocate General's Dept. of the Connecticut National Guard, and was promoted on 5 September 1923 to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel, and was assigned on 10 December 1924 to the Division Staff

of the 43rd Division, National Guard. In 1922 he was elected State Commander of the American Legion in Connecticut.

In 1932 he was elected Governor of The Society of the Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut, and served three years, and also has served as Governor of the Connecticut Society of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims. He is a member of the Veterans of the Foreign Wars, and has served as Commander in the Military Order of the World War.

304. GEORGE HENRY[8] SEYMOUR (*Chester*[7], *Asa*[6], *Daniel*[5], *Daniel*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Hartford, Conn., 7 Jan. 1830, died at Plainville, Conn., 2 Sept. 1870; married at Simsbury, Conn., in 1853, ELIZABETH H. WILLCOX, born 4 May 1832, died at New Haven, Conn., June 1913, daughter of Harvey and Permelia (Whiting).

He was a blacksmith.

Children:

i. EMILY FLORA[9], b. 27 Sept. 1854; d. 19 July 1876, unm.

ii. FREDERICK LESTER, b. 16 Dec. 1856; m. 15 Jan. 1878, ADDIE JANE TURNER.

iii. GEORGE HENRY, b. 9 Oct. 1860; m. EMMA KENYON.

iv. CHARLES EDWARD, b. 14 Aug. 1863; m. JOSEPHINE WERLE.

v. JOSEPH TOY, b. 13 Jan. 1866, d. 10 Nov. 1866.

vi. WALTER WILLCOX, b. at Simsbury, Conn., 30 Jan. 1869; m. at Plainville, Conn., 26 Oct. 1892, JENNIE AMELIA EATON, b. 11 Feb. 1865. Child:

I. George Eaton[10], b. 19 Feb. 1895; m. Ridabelle White Rieker.

305. GEORGE DE VILLERS[8] SEYMOUR (*George Nichols*[7], *David*[6], *Jared*[5], *Thomas*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Ogdensburg, N. Y., 13 May 1821, died there 11 Nov. 1892; married at Morristown, N. J., 26 Apr. 1848, FRANCES GABRIELLA FORD, born at Morristown, N. J., 9 June 1827, died there 18 Jan. 1898.

He engaged in real estate, and trust estates.

Children:

i. JANE MILLER[9], b. 21 Nov. 1849; d. at New York City, 24 Oct. 1897; m. DR. GEORGE HILLARD BENJAMIN, who d. at New York City, 10 Nov. 1927. Children:

I. Frances Ford[10], b. 5 May 1876; m. at New York, 21 Apr. 1897, Charles F. Page; divorced. Children:

(1) Seymour[11], b. 3 Feb. 1898.

(2) Haven.

II. Mary, b. 1 Dec. 1878; m. 1 Nov. 1900, Henry Huddleston Rogers, Jr. Children:

(1) Millicent[11], b. 2 Feb. 1902; m. (1) 8 Jan. 1924, Ludwig, Count of Salm-Hoogstraeten, b. 24 Feb. 1885; divorced 1927; m. (2) 12 Nov. 1927, Arturo Ramos. Child by first husband:

1. Peter[12], b. 27 Sept. 1925.

(2) Henry Huddleston.

III. Rosalie de Villers, b. 18 July 1885.

ii. Henry Ford, b. 21 Jan. 1854; d. 12 Jan. 1856.

iii. William Gilbert, unm.

iv. Eugene Ford, b. 15 Apr. 1870; m. at Morrisburg, Ontario, Canada, 27 Sept. 1905, Sophie Mildred Bower, b. at Kemptville, Ontario, Canada, 13 July 1886. Occupation: lawyer. A life member, New York State Bar Association. The family resides in New York City and Fairhaven, Mass. Children:

I. Ford de Villers[10], b. at Brooklyn, N. Y., 15 Aug. 1906.

II. Frances Ford, b. at Brockville, Ontario, 4 Apr. 1908; m. at New York, 10 Jan. 1931, George Tuttle Brokaw.

III. Jane de Villers, b. at Morrisburg, Ontario, 9 Aug. 1909.

IV. Marjory Capell, b. at Brockville, Ontario, 23 May 1911. Her engagement was announced, May 1936, to Eglinton Hunt Montgomery.

V. Henry Rogers, b. at Brockville, Ontario, 29 May 1915.

306. Isaac Lewis[8] Seymour (*George Nichols*[7], *David*[6], *Jared*[5], *Thomas*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Ogdensburg, N. Y., 11 Apr. 1823, died at Manzanita Island, Chippewa Bay, N. Y., 6 Sept. 1903; married 3 Sept. 1849, Mary Anna Chrysler, born at Williamsburg, Canada, 10 Nov. 1831, died 3 Aug. 1898, daughter of John Pliny and Mary (Westley).

He was a merchant and banker; Presbyterian; Republican.

Children:

i. George Nichols[9], b. 25 May 1850; d. at Omaha, Neb., in 1906, unm.

ii. Mary Westley, b. 15 July 1854; m. John E. Tucker; d. Mar. 1891; no issue.

iii. Anne de Villers, b. 22 Oct. 1858; d. 2 Mar. 1936; m. James G. Knapp, b. 2 July 1841, d. 28 Dec. 1930, s. of Thomas and Mary (Averill). Four children.

iv. Ralph Chrysler, b. at Ogdensburg, N. Y., 11 Feb. 1860; d. 28 Mar. 1929; m. (1) 22 Nov. 1894, Blanche Baird, who d. Dec. 1900; m. (2) at New York City, 2 Oct. 1902, Mary Frances Haff, b. Feb. 1879. He was a mechanical engineer; printing press manufacturer; Presbyterian; Republican; res. Larchmont Manor, N. Y.

Children:

I. Ralph de Villers[10], b. 20 July 1904; m. Frances Mary Craig.

II. Frances, b. 3 Aug. 1911; m. William H. Harrison, Jr., b. 4 Oct. 1906.

v. Louis H., b. 27 Nov. 1862; d. 29 Apr. 1883.

vi. John Pliny, b. 3 Dec. 1864; m. (1) 11 Nov. 1896, Florence Fuller, b. 30 July 1867, d. 11 Oct. 1897; m. (2) 15 June 1914, Louise Sovereign Laycock, b. 22 Oct. 1881. Child by second wife:

I. John Craven[10], b. 17 Jan. 1916.

vii. Sophie M., b. 3 Apr. 1868; d. Aug. 1923; m. (1) Richard Chapman; m. (2) 24 Nov. 1896, Edwin Wildman; m. (3) Joseph Shriver.

307. William[8] Seymour (*John Deming*[7], *Jeremiah*[6], *Elias*[5], *Bevil*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Newington, Conn., 6 Oct. 1859; married at Newington, Conn., 17 Nov. 1887, Katharine W. Camp, born 31 Dec. 1862, daughter of Lemuel Whittlesy and Eliza E. (Webster).

Mr. Seymour was graduated from Yale (B.A., 1882); became a successful manufacturer and contractor; Presbyterian; Republican; resided (1938) in Chicago, Ill.

Children:

i. William[9], b. 5 Nov. 1889; B.S. (Yale, 1913); m. at Chicago, 17 Nov. 1917, Katherine Fifield, b. at Chicago, 3 Oct. 1893, dau. of Walter J. Fifield. He was a captain in the 382d Light Artillery in France. Children:

I. William[10], b. 11 Aug. 1924.

II. Nancy Fifield, b. 22 Mar. 1927.

III. Robert Camp, b. 1 Dec. 1928; drowned 29 June 1934.

IV. Richard Kellogg, b. 21 June 1930.

ii. Alice Whittlesy, b. 23 July 1891; educated at Hyde Park High School, and Miss Capen's (Northampton, Mass.); m. 20 May 1916, Osgood S. Kinsman of Brooklyn, N. Y., a graduate of Tufts College, with Stone & Webster of Brooklyn, N. Y., b. at Cambridge, Mass., 1 Nov. 1887. Children:

I. Katharine Stevens[10], b. 25 Oct. 1920.

II. Laura Camp, b. 8 July 1922.

III. Mary Robbins, b. 13 Aug. 1924.

IV. Alice Seymour, b. 13 Aug. 1924.

iii. Lemuel Camp, b. 31 Mar. 1893; educated at Hyde Park High School and Armour Institute; m. 8 Jan. 1916, Emily K. Fifield, b. at Chicago, 23 Apr. 1895. Child:

I. Lois C.[10], b. 2 Aug. 1919.

iv. CHARLES WEBSTER, b. 15 Nov. 1894; an Engineer in Co. L, 23d Engineers, World War; attended Hyde Park High School; construction engineer; m. 13 Feb. 1926, MARGARET BILLAU, b. at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 15 Oct. 1896, B.A. (Univ. of Wisconsin, 1920). Children:

I. Charles Webster[10], b. 4 Feb. 1927.
II. Jane Billau, b. 29 Dec. 1929.

v. KATHARINE, b. 2 Sept. 1896; educated at School of Education, U. of C., and Frances Shiner School for Young Ladies, Mt. Carmel, Ill.; m. 23 Feb. 1926, MELVILLE M. LOWE, b. at Essex, Mass., 21 July 1896, B.A. (Brown Univ. 1917). Child:

I. Barbara Morris[10], b. 27 Nov. 1927.

vi. MARY, b. 7 May 1898; B.A. (Univ. of Chicago, 1921); m. 6 July 1929, GOMER JONES, b. at Scranton, Pa., 26 Oct. 1893, educated at Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, and Extension School of U. of Penn. (1916). Child:

I. Marilyn[10], b. 27 Sept. 1930.

vii. RUTH WELLES, b. 24 Oct. 1899; B.A. (Univ. of Chicago, 1923); m. 2 Aug. 1927, J. GILBERT THARP, b. at Chicago, 9 Feb. 1893, graduate of Hyde Park High School (1911). Children:

I. Marguerite Semple[10], b. 24 Sept. 1928.
II. Katharine Seymour, b. 15 Sept. 1932.

viii. ROBERT JOHN, b. 12 Jan. 1902; B.A. (Univ. of Ill., 1924); m. 14 June 1930, HELEN L. Foss, b. at Brooklyn, N. Y., 6 Sept. 1903, graduate of Denison Univ., Granville, Ohio (1926). Child:

I. Robert Foss[10], b. 14 Nov. 1934.

308. HENRY DEWEY[8] SEYMOUR (*Frederic Wales*[7], *Bevil*[6], *Ashbel*[5], *Bevil*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born 2 Apr. 1843, died 26 Apr. 1901; married at Ravenna, Ohio, 17 Jan. 1866, IRENE ROSELLA[9] HORR, born at Shalersville, Ohio, 5 June 1847, daughter of Adam Vedder[8] (*Abner*[7], *Warren*[6], *Robert*[5], *Robert*[4], *Samuel*[3], *Nathaniel*[2], *Hezekiah*[1]) and Rosella (Beecher).

Children:

i. VERDIE ELIZA[9], b. at Ravenna, Ohio, 27 Sept. 1868; m. 6 Sept. 1893, GEORGE HENRY ROBINSON.

ii. FREDERICK HORR, b. 3 Feb. 1871; m. at London, Eng., 7 Nov. 1900, KATHERINE HUME, b. at Galveston, Texas, 17 July 1878. Children:

I. Frederick Hume[10], b. 12 June 1901.
II. Katherine Hume, b. 27 Jan. 1904.

iii. ROBERT HENRY, b. 18 Feb. 1876.

309. Frank Curtis[8] Seymour (*Allen*[7], *Allen*[6], *Stephen*[5], *Joseph*[4], *Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Sandisfield, Mass., 28 Apr. 1843, died at Chicago City Hospital, about 1896; married 8 Nov. 1863(?), Jemima Candace Tyrrell, born at Monterey, Mass., 28 Sept. 1841, died at Lenox, Mass., 18 Dec. 1913.

Children:

i. Carl Nelson[9], b. at Monterey, Mass., 12 Sept. 1868; m. at Westfield, Mass., 6 Nov. 1889, Lena Blanche Ladd, b. at Westfield, 6 Nov. 1869. He was Superintendent of School Buildings, res. (1919) Westfield, Mass. Children:

I. Carl Nelson[10], b. and d. 10 Mar. 1891.

II. Mildred, b. 8 May 1892; m. George Peter Spaar, of Winsted, Conn.

ii. Fannie Louise, b. 16 Feb. 1874-5; m. Henry M. Wade of Interlaken, Mass.

310. Sidney Leslie[8] Seymour (*Allen*[7], *Allen*[6], *Stephen*[5], *Joseph*[4], *Zachariah*[3], *John*[2], *Richard*[1]), born at Sandisfield, Mass., 28 Oct. 1845, died at Winsted, Conn., 24 Apr. 1916; married at Montville, Mass., 17 Jan. 1866, Adelaide L. Royce, born at Montville, 5 Aug. 1848.

He was a carpenter. He enlisted at the age of eighteen, 1 Sept. 1862 at Pittsfield, Mass., as Private in Co. H, 49th Regiment, Mass. Vol. Infantry. He served in the Dept. of the East, 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 19th Corps, Department of the Gulf, Major-General Banks commanding: also the 1st Maine, 116th N. Y., 48th Mass. Regiment. On duty in New York three months, he sailed from there 24 Feb. on the steamer *Illinois*; served in the Defences of New Orleans and Baton Rouge, General Sherman commanding. He was in the attack on Port Hudson, lasting twenty-one days and nights. He remained on duty until 8 Aug., was then ordered home and mustered out 21 Sept. 1863.

Children:

i. Edward A.[9], b. 6 Nov. 1866; m. Belle Catlin.

ii. Frederick Royce, b. at Sterling, Ill., 20 Jan. 1869; m. 3 June 1889, Annie Guildford, b. 29 Nov. 1871. Farmer, resided (1919) Winchester, Conn. Children:

I. Fred Arthur[10], b. at Hartford, Conn., 17 Sept. 1890; m. at West Hartford, 7 Feb. 1912, Lena Alice Rainsford, b. 8 Jan. 1886, dau. of David and Henrietta (Root). Child:

(1) Norwood Rainsford[11], b. 6 Aug. 1912.

II. Adelaide Elizabeth, b. 13 June 1892.
III. Allen Guildford, b. 30 Aug. 1894.

iii. Robert S., b. 30 Dec. 1870; m. Florence Pine.
iv. Grace Lucy, b. 28 Sept. 1875; m. Charles P. Gray.
v. Belle Mary, b. 28 Oct. 1877; m. at Winsted, Conn., 17 Oct. 1904, Frederick Goddard, b. at Sheffield, England, 8 May 1877, res. Thomaston, Conn.

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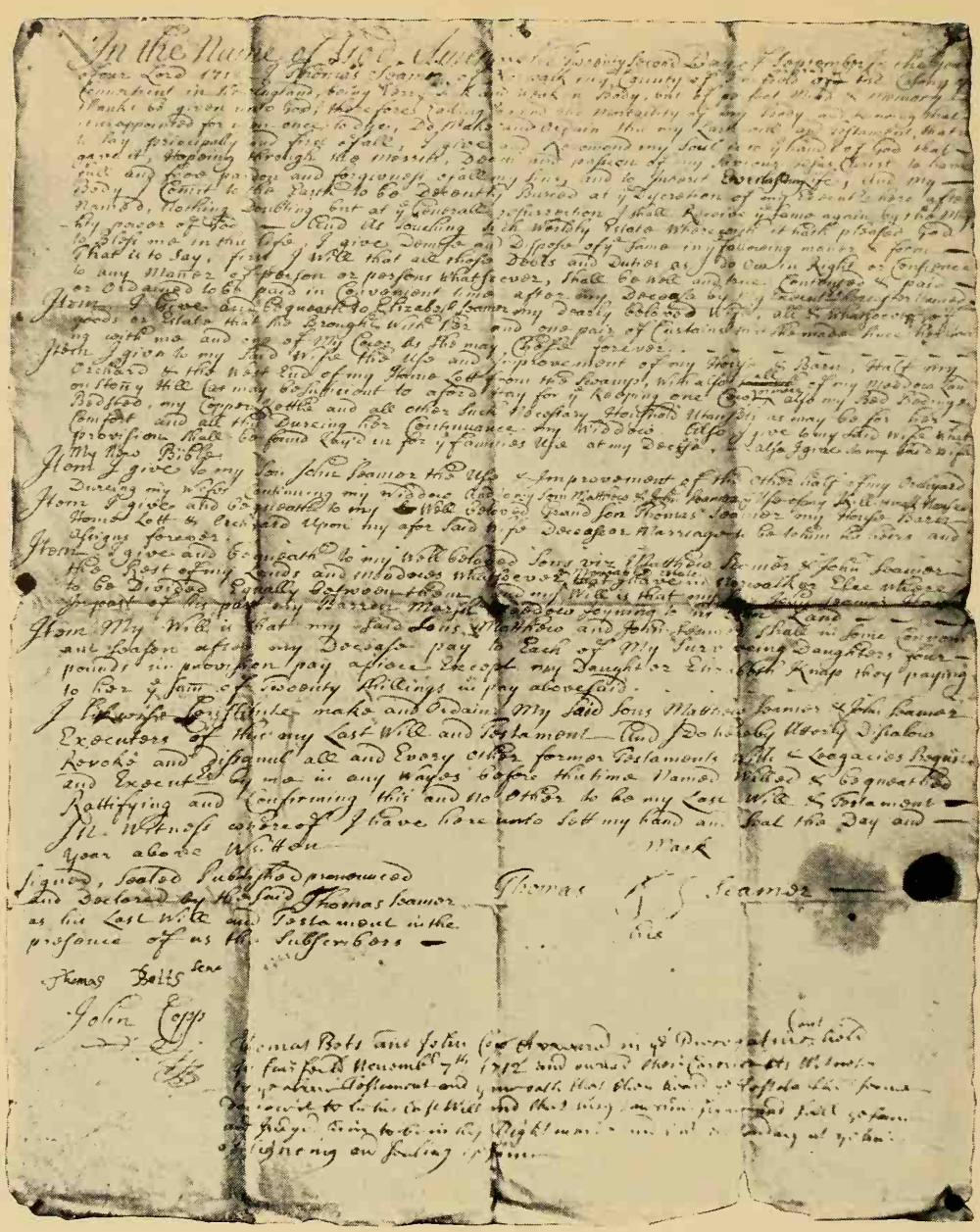
THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAWBRIDGEWORTH, CO. HERTS, ENGLAND

Sawbridgeworth, where Richard Seymour the Colonist, as well as his father and grandfather, lived, is a rural parish in Hertfordshire, on the border of Essex, less than fifteen miles from Chelmsford in Essex, where Rev. Thomas Hooker, founder of Hartford, Conn., preached for ten years, and about twenty-five miles northeast of London. The parish records, in addition to entries pertaining to earlier generations, show the marriage of Richard Seymour to Mercy Ruscoe and the baptism of their eldest son Thomas, later of Norwalk, Conn., who in 1712 sealed his will with a seal charged with two wings conjoined in lure, the paternal coat of the Seymours of Penhow. The ducal family of Somerset is derived from the Seymours of Penhow, and the Seymers of Dorset (the family of Richard the Chaplain) also used the two wings conjoined in lure.



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THE WILL OF THOMAS SEYMOUR OF NORWALK (1632-1712)

This will, executed in 1712, shows a small, old seal charged with the wings of the Seymours of Penhow. The seal may be seen on the original will, now in the archives of the State Library at Hartford. It is signed "T.S.", drawn with a feeble hand. The seal, as now appears, is of brown wax and seems to have been made by the impression of an old and worn signet—probably a ring—brought to this country by Richard the Colonist, and used by his son, who was "Verry sick and Weak" at the time the will was executed. The original will of Richard Seymour, father of Thomas, has disappeared (we may consult only the record copy, damaged about two centuries ago), and it is not known whether he used this same seal in executing his will. No other use of this seal is known today. Prima facie, this seal connects Richard the Colonist and his son Thomas with the Seymours of Penhow, though the line connecting Richard's grandfather, John Seymour, with the Seymours of Penhow probably cannot now be traced.

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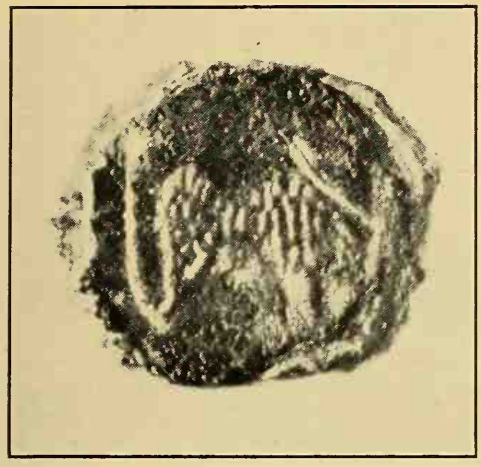

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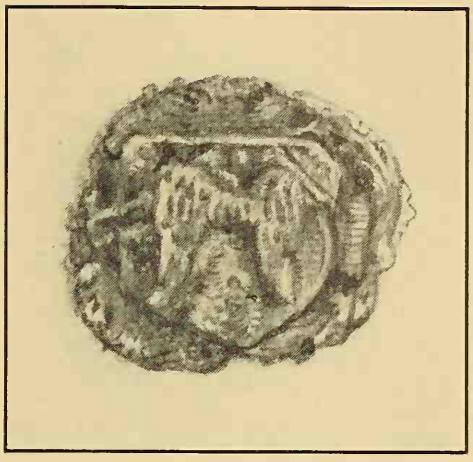

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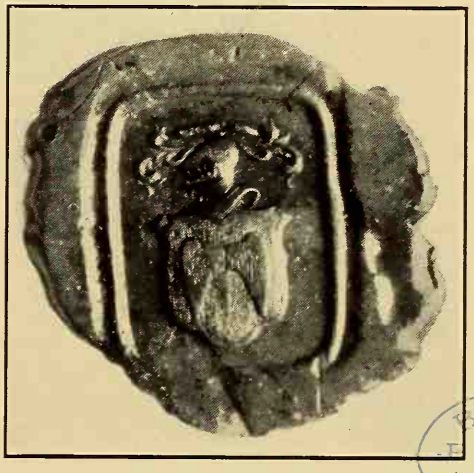

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SEYMOUR SEALS

(A) Photograph (enlarged) made direct from the original seal used by Thomas Seymour (1632-1712) of Norwalk in executing his will in 1712;

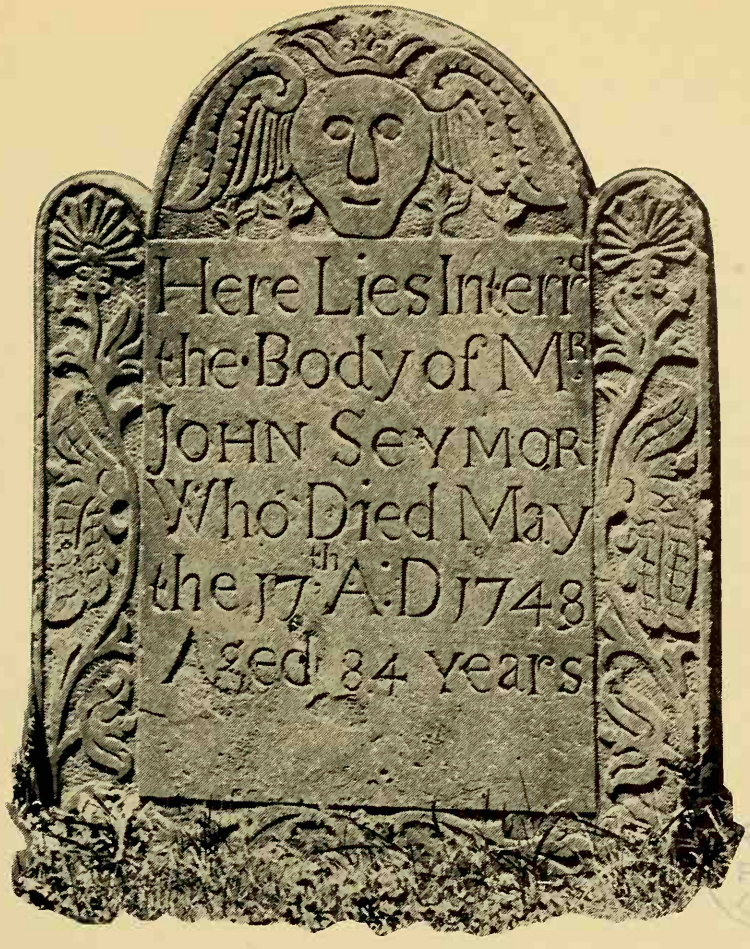
(B) Drawing (enlarged) made direct from the original seal many years ago by the late William F. Hopson;

(C) Drawing (enlarged) of the seal used in executing his will by Thomas Seymour, Esq. (1705-1767) of Hartford, grand-nephew of Thomas of Norwalk (1632-1712);

(D) Photograph (enlarged) of an impression of the seal used as early as 1880 by Stephen Edward Fuller (born 1836), a great-great-grandson of Thomas Seymour, Esq. (1705-1767), of Hartford.

SILVER SEAL OF THOMAS SEYMOUR, ESQ. (1705-1767) OF HARTFORD

This seal was used by Thomas Seymour, Esq. (1705-1767), in executing his will in 1767 and was passed on by him to his eldest son, the First Mayor, who also used it in the execution of his will in 1821. It is reasonable to suppose that knowledge of the wings with which this seal ring is charged was derived from Thomas of Norwalk. It is thought that this particular ring was made by John Potwine (1698-1792), the celebrated silversmith, whose son married Eunice Seymour, daughter of the Thomas Seymour, Esq., who sealed his will with it in 1767. The cresting and mantling seem purely conventional. If Potwine, or whoever made the ring, had simply been instructed to make a ring with the Seymour arms, he would naturally have turned to some book of heraldry and would have used the full ducal arms, in which the wings are quartered with the lions of England and the lilies of France; for at that period, when silversmiths were ordered to mark silver, they commonly referred to books of heraldry and adopted arms corresponding to the surname of the client. Clearly, in this case a family tradition was followed. No book of heraldry with which the author is familiar, illustrates the wings alone as the arms of the Seymours of Penhow. Miss Talcott well remembered being shown a drawing of the wings which had been in the possession of Capt. Charles Seymour, a Revolutionary soldier, her great-grandfather, and she recalled that other members of the family had copies of the arms with the wings alone.



HEADSTONE OF JOHN SEYMOUR, 2D (1666-1748)

Grandson of Richard the Colonist. The following is an excerpt from the report of the Committee which had the restoration of the old First Church Burying Ground in hand: (For a full text of the report, see the *Hartford Daily Courant* of Tuesday, November 21, 1899.)

The Seymours were the first to respond to the appeal. There were fifteen memorials to them. The eastern part of the ground is largely a family plot, including, besides the Seymours, the Wattles, Watsons, and Merrills. Its situation is unfortunate, for the high buildings and dense shade of trees has made it very damp. The stones, some of which have been cared for in quite recent times, were in bad condition. They have been the target for ink and refuse, causing the cherub's heads to assume characteristics not intended by the sculptor. The descendants are numerous, and prominent among them are our late Governor Thomas H. Seymour, Governor Horatio Seymour of New York, and Origen S. Seymour of Litchfield. Richard Seymour, the first here, lived in 1639 on the east side of Main street. He moved in '55 to Norwalk, a pioneer of that town. His son John married 1664, Mary Watson. He was an original member of the Second Church. Died 1713, leaving a large family. The records of the Second Church, as well as those of the town, show the Seymours to have been strong men, trusted in affairs and looked to for counsel in times of trouble. The family have raised a large sum of money, but there remains one hundred dollars yet to be subscribed. The whole plot is in as fine condition as the state of the stones made possible. The removal of trees lets in the afternoon sun. The contributors are Mrs. Nathaniel Shipman, Mrs. J. Hammond Trumbull, Miss Annie Eliot Trumbull, Mrs. Lewis Cheney, Miss Eliza S. Robinson, Mrs. Archibald Loomis, Miss Mary K. Talcott, and Mr. Henry C. Robinson and Mr. Charles Gross of Hartford; Mrs. Maria Watson Pinney, Derby; Professor Thomas Day Seymour, New Haven; Miss Katharine S. Day, Hartford; Mrs. William Blair, Chicago; Mrs. Henry T. Bulkeley, Southport; Rev Storrs O. Seymour, Litchfield; Miss Emily Seymour, Hartford; Mr. William H. Seymour, New York; Mr. Charles F. Brooker of Ansonia; Hon. Julius H. Seymour, N. Y.; Bishop George F. Seymour, Springfield, Ill.

He beareth Gules, a *Pair* of *Wings* Inverted
and Conjoyn'd Or. by the Name of
SEYMOUR.

ARMS DISPLAYED IN THE HOME OF THE FIRST MAYOR OF HARTFORD

From the original water-color drawing once owned in the family of the First Mayor. The arms, mantling, and inscription, are painted on a paper measuring 5⅝″ x 7¾″, mounted on an age-browned piece of cardboard measuring 5⅞″ x 10″. This relic was given to the author on October 14, 1935, in Washington, D. C., by the widow of the Hon. Henry W. Seymour, who had it from Miss Helena Seymour, the niece of Governor Thomas Hart Seymour, who inherited many of the family heirlooms. Miss Talcott remembered having seen this painting in the Seymour homestead on Governor Street, Hartford, where it had hung at least from the time of the First Mayor. Such cherished heraldic displays, done in water color on paper or in embroidery on a silk or satin panel, are occasionally seen even now in the front halls and parlors of old-time houses, handed down from a day when they were of fairly common occurrence, when misses at boarding and finishing schools brought them home to exhibit their proficiency to admiring parents and friends. The writer would not, therefore, regard this souvenir of the Hartford Seymours of any special evidential value, if it were not supported by the use of a seal, charged with the identical wings, used by Major Henry's father, the First Mayor, in executing his will in 1807, and by his grandfather, Col. Thomas Seymour, in executing his will in 1767, and also by the greatly significant use, in 1712, of a tiny seal, charged with the identical wings, by English-born Thomas Seymour, of Norwalk, son of Richard Seymour, the Colonist, who undoubtedly brought it over from England when he came in 1638. All this use is of the wings *alone*—the paternal coat—not the full ducal arms which were never used, so far as the writer is aware, until after the appearance about 1880 of the so-called "Seymour Bible," now discarded as spurious.

The use of an old worn seal charged with "wings conjoined in lure" in executing his will—a serious act in the life of any man of any age—by Thomas Seymour, a man eighty years old and "Verry sick and Weak," is prima facie evidence that he was entitled to use that seal, in the absence of proof to the contrary. That that particular seal bearing the paternal coat of the historic Seymour family was providentially present at the bedside of the dying man for his use at that moment, and was so used by him without any idea of its family significance, as suggested by Mr. Stewart Mitchell in his recent life of "Governor Horatio Seymour," would be nothing less than a miracle,—and when have miracles been accepted by historical students? The fact that Thomas of Norwalk used such a seal is, to say the least, of great interest to all members of the Seymour family, even though some may regard it as of no vital importance. A very prominent member of the family recently pointed out to the author that in his mind the use of the wings here in America for over two centuries and a quarter is sufficient to justify the continued use of the wings by the family. The use of a coat of arms by old American families for so long a period is rare indeed.

The author throughout this book and in his illustrations has stressed the use of the wings to which he believes the Connecticut Seymours are unquestionably entitled. He confesses that he is under the spell of that crumbling but significant bit of wax on that faded document in the State Library in Hartford; namely, the original will of Thomas Seymour of Norwalk, son of Richard Seymour, the Colonist.

THOMAS SEYMOUR (1735-1829), YALE 1755, MAYOR OF HARTFORD (FIRST MAYOR) (1784-1812)

Unfortunately the portrait of the First Mayor has long since disappeared. The author has failed to find any inventory of his estate, and there is no personal description of his appearance but that of Dr. Samuel Spring (1792-1877, pastor of the North Church) who officiated at his funeral, and who told his granddaughter Mary Eliza (Chenevard) Comstock that "he never saw so fair, dignified and beautiful an object as he (the First Mayor) lay in his coffin." This brief description occurs in the charming letter of the First Mayor's granddaughter to Professor Nathan Perkins Seymour, dated April 13, 1876, at Painesville, Ohio.

In the First Mayor's will, this occurs: "Item, I give to my dear and only Daughter, Mary Juliana Chenevard, all the Household Goods, Furniture and Plate remaining in my House upon the demise of her Mother, except thereout the Portraits of her Parents, and my Mohogany Desk and Book Case . . . ." The reference to the "Portraits of her Parents" can refer to nothing other than to portraits of her father and mother. We know, therefore, that there was once a portrait of the First Mayor. The companion portrait of his wife, Mary Ledyard, is now one of the chief treasures of the Connecticut Historical Society, to which it was presented July 10, 1885, by his granddaughter, Mary Ellery Seymour, sister of Governor Seymour. His portrait, alas, disappeared long ago. Miss Talcott searched in vain for it. She once told the author that she was informed that when Governor Seymour, the First Mayor's grandson, was a little boy, he got hold of a family sword and slashed his grandfather's portrait. Miss Talcott thought that quite likely the mutilated canvas was taken from its frame and rolled up. She thought, indeed, that it might have been sent to New Orleans with other family effects when the old house was dismantled; and the Honorable Henry W. Seymour searched for it there, but without success. The author also made such inquiries as he could in Hartford regarding it, and Mr. Bates overhauled the collections of the Connecticut Historical Society without finding any trace of it. And in all probability the mutilated canvas has long since been destroyed. Within two or three years, a life-size profile drawing in charcoal, purporting to be a portrait of the First Mayor, was offered to the author, who, however, suspected its authenticity, and consequently rejected it.

In his will (executed 1821), the First Mayor left "all Household Goods, Furniture, and Plate" with certain exceptions to his daughter, Mary Juliana. Eight years later, he confirmed these gifts to her in a codicil to his will. As no inventory of his effects can be found, we are unable to say what the item "plate" covers. The author would be surprised to learn that there was any amount of "plate" in the house, inasmuch as there is nothing to indicate that the First Mayor put on any style, so to speak; and the author has discovered only two articles of "plate" which belonged to him—a sugar bowl and creamer. The word "plate," therefore, as used in his will, the author judges, was used conventionally and with no unusual significance.

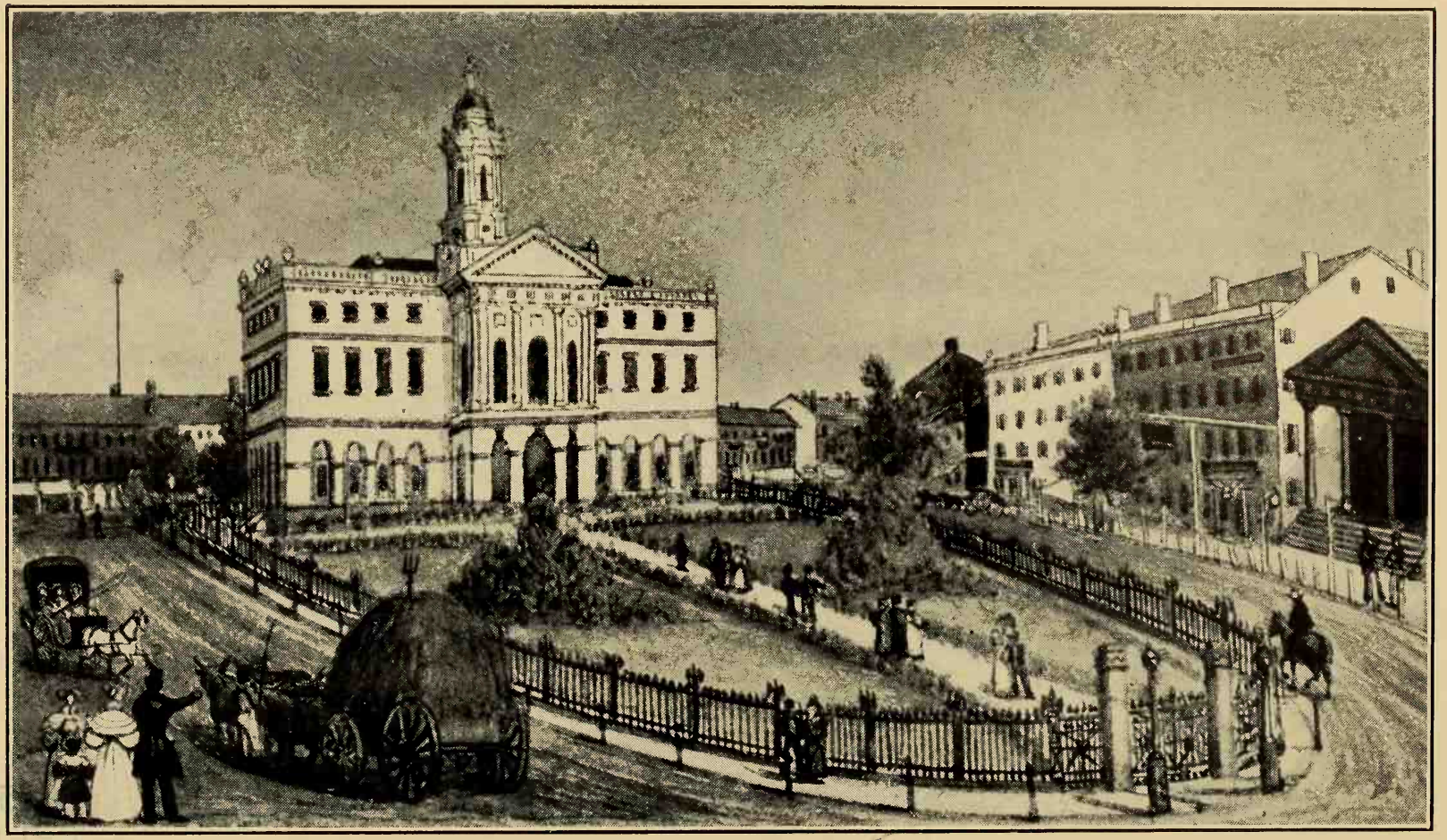
The First Mayor was buried in the "South Yard" where many members of the family were interred. The wreckage of these Seymour family memorials is painful to see. Strangely enough, there is no monument there to the First Mayor of Hartford—the First Mayor, who served the city for twenty-seven years. There is in that wreckage a small upright brown stone monument bearing the name "Seymour," and perhaps intended for a family monument; but there is no inscription on it indicating that it was intended as a memorial to the First Mayor. So far as the author knows, there is no memorial to the First Mayor of Hartford except in so far as his fine tall-case clock, presented to the city by Newton Case Brainard and Morgan Bulkeley Brainard in memory of their father, Mayor Leverett Brainard, may also be considered in a sense a memorial to the First Mayor.

It may be hoped that before another hundred years passes, Hartford with its great tradition may erect some memorial to its First Mayor, at least a suitable tablet in the old State House where he had his offices. Further details of his career may be found in the body of this book, pages 153-161, and in Dexter's "Yale Biographies and Annals," second series, pp. 378-379.

We get just a last glimpse of him through the eyes of his granddaughter, Mrs. Comstock, who in her letter elsewhere quoted, wrote:

"I remember a summer day the last time perhaps that he came to see me in Asylum Street, cane in hand, he took the hand of my little daughter and placed in it a pair of sleeve buttons each crystal set in pure old gold, 'Saying these are for your name Mary Ledyard—the name of your great grandmother.' "

In these words we have a touching picture of the old gentleman with his cane, more than likely the very staff preserved in the Municipal Building and used in the historic ritual of the installation of the mayors of Hartford.



THE "OLD STATE HOUSE," HARTFORD (1792-1796), BULLFINCH, ARCHITECT

Colonel Thomas Seymour (1735-1829), the First Mayor, had offices in this building, 1796-1812. The tower was added in 1820, but otherwise the building presented essentially this appearance during the period when the First Mayor had offices in it. From a painting on ivory, done in 1834, by Edward W. Clay (1792-1857).

Courtesy of Morgan Bulkeley Brainard, of Hartford, who had the rare good fortune to discover it in the hands of a dealer in San Francisco.

MARY (LEDYARD) SEYMOUR (1735-1807), WIFE OF THE FIRST MAYOR

Daughter of John Ledyard, Esq., of New London and Hartford; wife of Thomas Seymour, First Mayor of Hartford; sister of the gallant Col. William Ledyard, the "Hero of Fort Griswold" in 1781; aunt of John Ledyard, the traveller; mother of Capt. Thomas Youngs Seymour, the "Beau Sabreur of Saratoga"; mother of Major Henry Seymour of Hartford; mother of Mary Juliana Seymour, the famous beauty of Hartford of her time; grandmother of Thomas Hart Seymour, the "Hero of Chapultepec," U. S. Minister to Russia, and Governor of Connecticut. The canvas deposited in the Connecticut Historical Society, 1885, by her granddaughter, Mary Ellery Seymour, of New Orleans. The companion picture of her husband, the First Mayor, has long since disappeared.

TRADE-CARD OF SAMUEL PRINCE, JOYNER

The card announces to the public that "Samuel Prince, Joyner At the Chest of Draws In Cart & Horse Street New York Makes and Sells all Sorts of Joyners Work on the Lowest Terms." Apparently Prince was a name to conjure with, for in the *New York Packet* of March 16, 1786, one Thomas Burling announced the opening of a new shop and commended himself to the public by saying that "He served his time with Samuel Prince, a conspicuous character in his way, and esteemed one of the best workmen in the city." The First Mayor must have seen this interesting trade-label of Samuel Prince every time he opened the top drawer of his "Mohogany Desk and Book Case," standing there in his house on Governor Street, where he lived, as well as his father before him, and his son and grandson after him.

O TEMPORA O MORES

Legal papers of one sort or another bearing the signature of the First Mayor are not uncommon, but official papers in which he appears as mayor are almost non-existent, which is the author's excuse for printing here a note signed by the First Mayor but undated and unaddressed, which has found its way into the archives of the Connecticut Historical Society. The author cannot refrain from including it in this book as it shows that Sabbath-breaking had raised its ugly head in Hartford in Mayor Seymour's time. The mayor's rebuke is very mildly phrased, and it would appear that although he was a godly man, he did not think the infringement of the law very serious. Even the author can remember that in his boyhood in his native village, the "best people" (i.e. Congregationalists) refrained from using their horses for pleasure-driving on the Sabbath day.

Sir

It has been suggested to the civil authority at their last Monday meeting, that, of late, it hath become common here for Parties, in carriages &c to ride out upon the Sabbath for Amusement &c — your name was mentioned with others — I need only hint to you the catching example of such a course, at which am informd, many of our worthy citizens, take offence — & am

Sir your obt. humble Servt.

Ths Seymour

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THE FIRST MAYOR'S "MOHOGANY DESK AND BOOK CASE"

The desk is shown open, and set within it is the sugar bowl of a silver tea set, also owned by the First Mayor. The central space in the broken pediment carries a basket of flowers executed in mahogany. The band of carving in low relief immediately below the pediment is of extreme beauty, but does not clearly show in the photograph. This is a superb piece of cabinet work by Samuel Prince, of New York, and is owned by a descendant of Mary Juliana (Seymour) Chenevard. This is the only piece of furniture specified in the First Mayor's will. The Metropolitan Museum was at one time desirous of securing it to add to its collection of cabinet work of the period.

THE FIRST MAYOR'S TALL-CASE CLOCK

"O, call back yesterday, Bid time return"

This exceptionally elegant tall-case clock seems to have had a colorful career after marking the hours in the old Seymour homestead on Governor Street for a century or more. On the death of the First Mayor in 1829, it passed to his son, Major Henry Seymour, who died in 1846, when it came into the ownership of his son, Governor Thomas Hart Seymour, who died in 1868. After that, his sister Mary Ellery Seymour, removed from Hartford to New Orleans, Louisiana, and became a member of the household of her brother, William E. Seymour, who settled there as a young man and there had a very honorable career. After she left the homestead, the house was rented, and at that time, it would seem, this family clock was carried up into the garret. How long it was there cannot be stated, but there it was when it was sold to Mr. Franklin B. Knous of New Haven, who was, as I remember the story, a caretaker in the family. At any rate he told me himself that the old clock lay on the garret floor when he bought it and brought it to New Haven and set it up in his house, where I saw it in company with my kinsman, Colonel Clarence W. Seymour of Hartford. We tried to buy the clock from him to present to the City of Hartford as a memorial to the First Mayor, but Mr. Knous professed such an affection for the clock and the Seymour family that he declined to sell it. He said that he would will it to the City of Hartford provided that we would agree to place it in its original condition, but it was not mentioned in his will, and it came into the hands of dealers, from whom it was bought by the Honorable Newton Case Brainard and his brother Mr. Morgan Bulkeley Brainard, who had it put in the best of condition and presented it to the City of Hartford as a memorial to their father. The clock has a brass movement and was made by Captain Timothy Cheney (1731-1795) of Hartford, a well-known clockmaker of his time. As reconditioned, it proved to be one of the finest examples of Connecticut clocks, both as to movement and case, and well worthy of its first owner.

The silver plate upon the door of the case bears the following inscription: "This clock, once the property of Thomas Seymour, First Mayor of Hartford (1784-1812), is presented to the City of Hartford to stand in the Old State House in memory of Leverett Brainard, Mayor of Hartford (1894-1896)."

DOCUMENT-CHEST OF THE FIRST MAYOR

The author bought this chest from Peter Lux, a second-hand dealer, who had a store on Main Street, Hartford. The author has a letter, dated February 22, 1893, from Mr. Lux reading in part as follows: "I got it (the chest) personally from Governor Seymour's sister [Mary Ellery Seymour] and took it from the attic of Governor Seymour's house on Governor Street. I bought it at the same time I bought the papers* and pistols and other things."

Governor Thomas Hart Seymour died in 1868. A few years later, his sister, Mary Ellery Seymour, removed to New Orleans to live with her brother, William E. Seymour. At this time the homestead was rented, and the First Mayor's clock was probably carried upstairs and laid on the garret floor, as elsewhere described. Apparently Miss Seymour returned to Hartford about 1885, and maybe at that time the magnificent malachite table presented to her brother by the Czar Nicholas of Russia was sold.

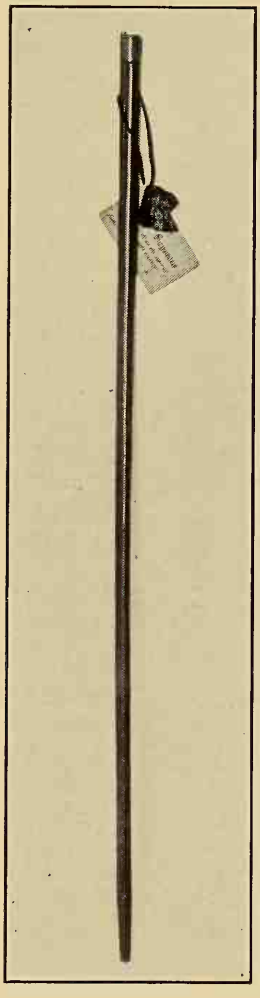
* Referring to the papers mentioned later in the text.

After Miss Seymour's death, the house was sold, April 19, 1888. Mr. Bates, the Librarian of the Connecticut Historical Society, says in his Introduction to Volume 9 of the Collections of the Society: "The heirs who had the disposition of the property first removed from the house everything that was considered as of personal interest or as having special value; the miscellaneous odds and ends remaining were sold to a local second-hand dealer. Among other things secured by this dealer was a large and miscellaneous assortment of ancient manuscripts gathered by him, it is said, partly from old trunks in the garret and partly from an old desk and some boxes stored in an outbuilding."

This collection of papers was the greatest treasure trove of ancient manuscripts in Hartford annals. Despite the volume of papers in this collection, their whereabouts are not known except for the two hundred thirty-five original Muster and Pay Rolls of Connecticut men serving in the French and Indian War, 1755-1762. The author well remembers the current gossip about these papers, their value, and their mysterious sale to collectors of autographed material, but no one has told that story and it may be that there is no one now living who can tell it. If these papers had not been looted and dissipated, it is probable that this History of the Seymour Family, particularly as it relates to the First Mayor and to his father, might have been altogether more comprehensive. The chest in question was filled with a portion of these papers at the time Peter Lux found it in the attic of the Seymour homestead and transferred it to his shop, where it was bought by the author, empty except for a few unimportant documents. The author had it dressed over and sent it to Bristol, where he used it as a document chest until 1922, when his father's house was dismantled, and it was transferred to the judgment hall of the Birth Place of Nathan Hale in South Coventry, where it now stands as shown in the cut. Though a plain chest, it is of superior workmanship, as one would expect from the First Mayor's "Mohogany Desk and Book Case" and his clock. Today it serves as a reminder of the untoward dissipation of the extensive ancient manuscripts once contained in it. The Muster Rolls, among them, were edited by Mr. Bates in Volumes 9 and 10 of the Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society, and reference is here made to the Introduction in each of these volumes for further information regarding those lost Seymour papers. But for Judge Adams, those precious Muster Rolls might not have been recovered, and but for Mr. Bates, they would not have been so wonderfully transcribed and recorded for the information of historians and antiquarians.

THE MAYOR'S STAFF

Thomas Seymour (1735-1829), the First Mayor, served the City of Hartford from 1784 to 1812. Ever since the latter date, his staff or cane has been used as a part of the ritual of installing his successors. It is kept in a glass case or reliquary in the Reception Room of the Municipal Building. Prior to the installation of a new mayor, the staff is taken into the Mayor's private office; just before the ceremony it is carried by the City Marshal in procession before the outgoing Mayor into the Reception Room, where the incoming Mayor awaits him attended by his friends. During the ceremony and after the oath is administered, the City Marshal hands the Mayor's Staff to the retiring Mayor, who, with appropriate remarks to the incoming Mayor, hands the Mayor's Staff to him. This concludes the ceremony. The staff is then returned to the reliquary where it is kept with other relics which have to do with the city, until the next occasion for its use.

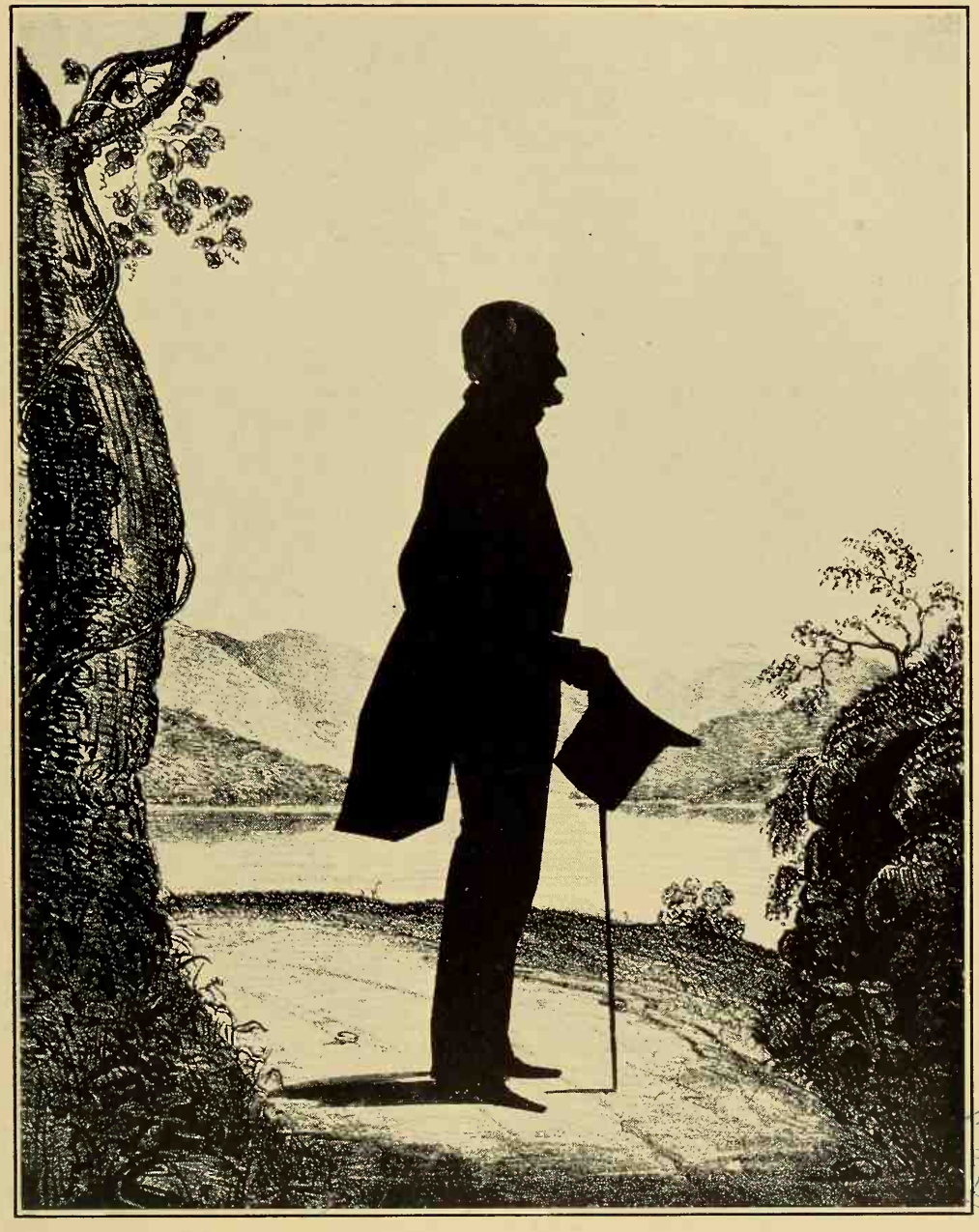


My friend and fellow antiquarian, the late Arthur Leffingwell Shipman, endeavored to find some written record of the ritual of the Mayor's Staff, but failed to do so. The late Mr. George S. Godard and Mr. James Brewster, both State Librarians, have also tried to find some description of the ceremony, but without success. But the long tradition of it is clear.

The Mayor's Staff, itself, is nothing more than a long cylindrical tapering cane, such as gentlemen of the First Mayor's time carried. It is forty-five and one-half inches long, made of malacca, has a brass head and a brass ferrule, and is transversely perforated near the head for the passage of the tasseled cord, as seen in the cut. We get just a glimpse of the Mayor's Staff in his hands from the letter herein printed (see page 161), written by his granddaughter, Mrs. Mary Eliza (Chenevard) Comstock. Similar staffs are seen in the hands of the subjects of some of Earl's portraits. Thus, one was carried, apparently as a feature of a gentleman's dress rather than for use, by Moses Seymour, Jr., of Litchfield, as illustrated in this book.

The ceremony above recorded is evidently taken from some much more formal English ceremony such as the transfer of a key, symbolizing authority. Similarly, the Sheriff once carried a sword on formal occasions of state in Connecticut. In Madam Lee's narrative of the ceremonies connected with the inauguration of Governor Huntington in May 1791, she says, "The General Assembly organized and then, preceded by the Military, proceeded to the Meeting-house, to hear a sermon. The procession was the longest I had ever seen. *The Governor was preceded by the Sheriff, with a sword.*" [Hale and Wyllys, p. 110.] When, the author asks, did the custom of having the Sheriff carry a sword before the Governor begin, and when was it discontinued? Evidently it was also a custom copied from England, but so far as the author can find, no written record of it survives.

It is a pity that the Sheriff's sword was not preserved along with the Mayor's Staff.



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MAJOR HENRY SEYMOUR (1764-1846) OF HARTFORD

From the silhouette in the Connecticut Historical Society, drawn from life, 1843, by William Henry Brown (1808-1883). He was the eldest son of Thomas Seymour, First Mayor of Hartford. His son, Thomas Hart Seymour (1808-1868), was the "Hero of Chapultepec," Governor of Connecticut, 1850-53, and United States Minister to Russia, 1853-57. Thomas Youngs Seymour (1757-1811, Yale Coll. 1777), the "Beau Sabreur of Saratoga," was his brother, and Mary Juliana Seymour (b. Feb. 6, 1769), so universally admired for her lovely character, high-breeding and remarkable beauty, was his sister. Throughout his long life, Major Henry Seymour was a "first citizen" of Hartford, greatly admired and beloved—adorned, as one should say, by every civic and domestic virtue. He was for a time Commander of the Governor's Horse Guards, founded by his brother, Capt. Thomas Youngs Seymour.

When the silhouettist, Brown, was in Hartford in 1843 in connection with the publication of his now sought-for book, "Portraits of Distinguished Americans," he cut the silhouettes of three or four prominent citizens of Hartford and presented them to the Connecticut Historical Society, among them the above portrait of Major Henry Seymour.

CAPTAIN THOMAS YOUNGS SEYMOUR (1757-1811)

A graduate of Yale College, 1777; "Beau Sabreur of Saratoga"; original member of the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati; founder and Major of the Governor's Horse Guards.

Painted in the full panoply of a Captain of Dragoons (2nd Continental Regiment) at Hartford by Col. John Trumbull. The original miniature in the Yale Gallery of Fine Arts. Painted at 36, he appears in a blue coat faced with white and wearing a classical helmet bound at the rim with a blue sash with tasseled ends and topped with a splendid horsehair plume. He wears a blue stock, epaulets, and the coat is crossed by a belt with buckles. He has clear-cut features, a notably fine nose, and blue eyes. His hair is powdered. Despite all these sartorial accessories, his expression is serious and engaging.

After the surrender of Burgoyne, he was selected by Gen. Gates to escort the captive general to Boston, and performed this delicate duty so much to Burgoyne's satisfaction that at the end of the trip he presented him with a magnificent saddle and leopard skin saddle cloth and a brace of silver mounted pistols, which Major Seymour always took pleasure in using when in command of the Governor's Horse Guards.

In Trumbull's picture of the "Surrender of Burgoyne," hanging in the rotunda of the Capitol at Washington, Captain Seymour is represented in the foreground mounted on a black charger.

MARY JULIANA SEYMOUR (1769-1843)

Daughter of Thomas Seymour, First Mayor of Hartford, and Mary Ledyard, his wife. Painted at Lebanon, Conn., in 1792 by Col. John Trumbull; original picture in Yale Gallery of Fine Arts. Painted on ivory against a delicate background of jade green, her oval face and delicate features are set off by a mass of fair hair loosely confined by a bandeau of blue ribbon. Her eyes are blue and there is a bit of color in her cheeks and a bewitching archness in her expression. She was made the subject of the sketch entitled "Juliana, A Real Character," by Noah Webster (1756-1843), Yale Coll. 1778. (This sketch is reprinted in full on pages 162-164 of this book.)

She had the great fortune (rare among famous beauties) to retain her good looks as long as she lived. More even than for uncommon personal beauty, she was known throughout her life for her high breeding, for her rare beauty of character, and exceptional distinction of carriage.

She married, 20 May 1794, Captain John Chenevard, Jr. (1770-1808), whose portrait is also reproduced herein, and whom she long survived.

The miniatures by Trumbull of the beautiful Mary Juliana Seymour and her brother, Captain Thomas Youngs Seymour, are among the most admired of the large collection of miniatures by Trumbull in the Yale Gallery of Fine Arts.

When dining with Mrs. Roscoe Conkling (née Julia C. Seymour), the author learned that the beauty of Mary Juliana Seymour was a cherished tradition in the family of Governor Seymour of New York.

CAPTAIN JOHN CHENEVARD, JR. (1770-1808)

From a portrait, artist unknown, in the possession of Captain Chenevard's granddaughter, Mrs. H. I. Dyer of Elmwood, West Hartford.

On May 20, 1794, Captain Chenevard married the beautiful Mary Juliana Seymour, only daughter of the First Mayor. His name is on the memorial presented in 1788 to the May session of the General Assembly for the formation of a troop of horse to be known as the Governor's Volunteer Troop Horse Guards, "whose particular duty shall be to attend upon and Escort the Governor of this State in the times of Peace and War." In this memorial the name of Chenevard occurs next to that of Thomas Youngs Seymour whose sister, Mary Juliana, he married. He seems to have been a prosperous West India merchant, as were his father, Captain John Chenevard, Sr., and his grandfather, John Michael Chenevard, before him. The latter, a Genevese, came about 1727

to Boston, and was husband of Margaret Beauchamp, whose portrait is illustrated herein.

His tombstone stands strangely unbroken in the depressing neglect and wreckage of the Seymour memorials in the "South Yard." The beautifully lettered inscription on the large plain slab of gray marble reads: "Sacred to the Memory of Mr. John Chenevard eldest son of the late Capt. John Chenevard who died April 19, A. D. 1808; Aged 38 years. All the various relations of life in which he stood connected evidenced the most affectionate tenderness strict uprightness & fidelity."

Close to this tombstone is a small plain, head stone broken in half, inscribed: "Mary J. Chenevard Died June 6, 1843 Aged 74." One unacquainted with the Seymour Family History would not recognize in this stone with its meager inscription the only memorial to the beautiful Mary Juliana Seymour, the daughter of the First Mayor, so celebrated in her time for her character and her beauty.

Henry Seymour (1764-1846), son of the First Mayor, was one of the four Managers of the Election Ball in 1797 when it was given in the theater. His sister, Mary Juliana, now Mrs. Captain John Chenevard, was doubtless one of the ornaments of the occasion. The Ball, of course, was given in honor of Governor Oliver Wolcott.

Governor Seymour, son of the above, is buried in the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Hartford. His monument, a very tall granite shaft bearing the name Thomas Henry Seymour and various Masonic emblems, was unveiled and dedicated October 27, 1881, with imposing ceremonies arranged by the Knights Templar of the Asylum Washington Commandery. The procession included the First Company of Governor's Foot Guards, the Hartford Light Guards, the Putnam Phalanx, commanderies of Knights Templar, Governor Bigelow, Lieutenant Governor Bulkeley, Morgan G. Bulkeley, Mayor of Hartford, and other persons of distinction. An eulogy was pronounced by the Honorable Richard D. Hubbard, an address on the military and diplomatic services of Governor Seymour by the Honorable Colin M. Ingersoll of New Haven, and an address on the "Masonic Knightly Character and Services" by Sir Knight John F. Root of the Washington Commandery. The invocation was pronounced by the Reverend E. P. Parker, D.D.

MARY ELIZA (CHENEVARD) COMSTOCK

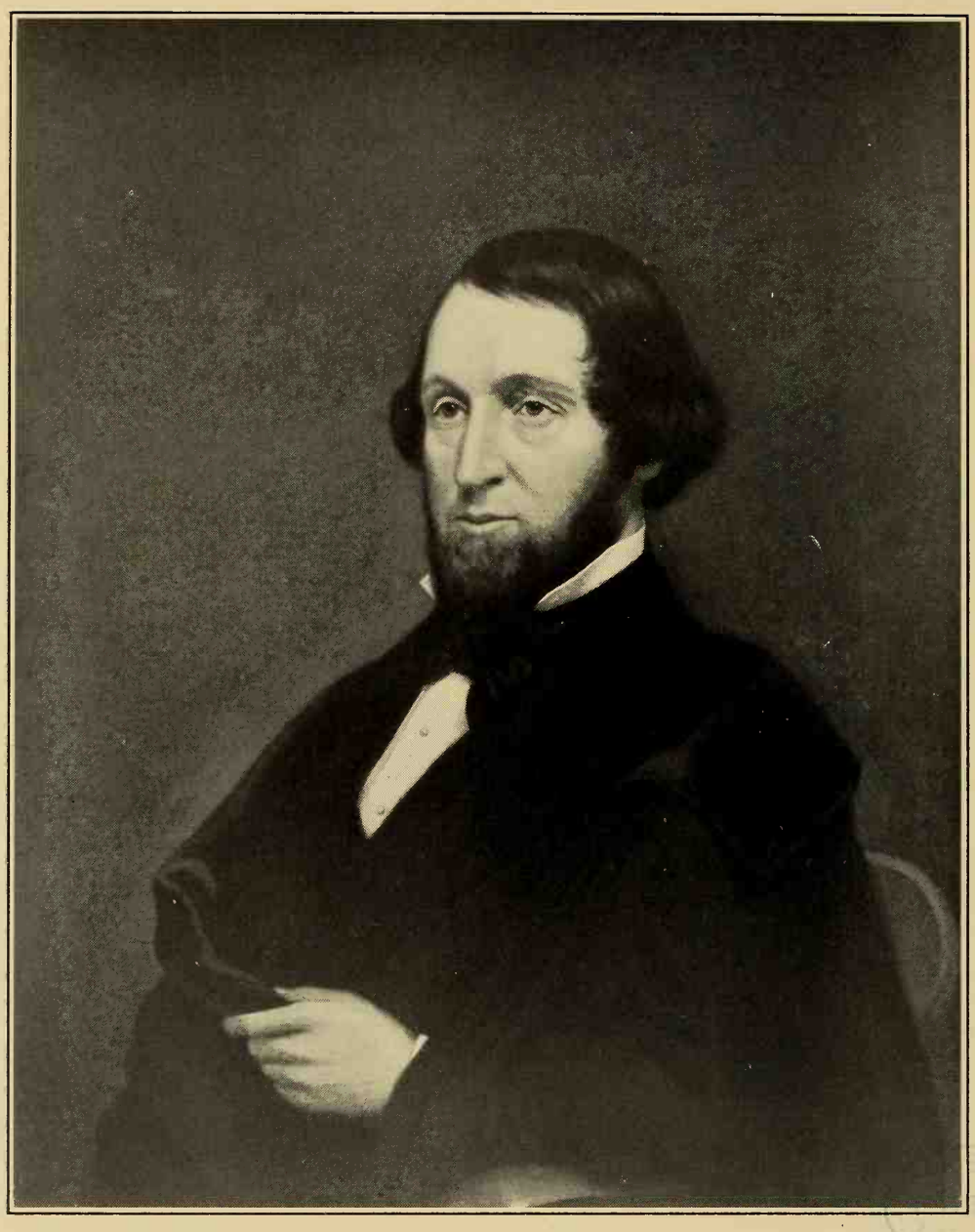
Born June 2, 1799; daughter of Mary Juliana Seymour and Capt. John Chenevard, Jr.; married May 19, 1817, Dr. John Lee Comstock (1789-1859), of Hartford, a well-known writer of popular textbooks. From an old portrait in the possession of her granddaughter, Mrs. H. I. Dyer, of Elmwood, Conn. (name of the artist and date of the portrait unknown). The canvas was reconditioned in 1935 by Mr. Ralph W. Thomas for the author.

A charmingly written and sympathetic letter, giving an account of the last days of her grandfather, the First Mayor, appears on pages 160-161. She was very much interested in the history of the Seymour and Ledyard families. Her last years appear to have been spent with a daughter at Painesville, Ohio.

MARY ELIZA (CHENEVARD) COMSTOCK

The First Mayor's granddaughter, daughter of his daughter, the beautiful Mary Juliana Seymour.

From a photograph taken during her widowhood. The author, though unable to place the date of this picture, cannot resist including it in his gallery of Seymour portraits, in addition to her portrait in oil owned by her granddaughter, Mrs. Dyer of Elmwood, West Hartford.



GOVERNOR THOMAS HART SEYMOUR (1808-1868)

Grandson of the First Mayor; graduated in 1829 from Partridge's Military Institute in Middletown; Commanding Officer of the Hartford Light Guard; admitted to the bar in Hartford about 1833; soon entered the public arena, for which his popular manners and address eminently qualified him; elected to Congress in 1843 from the Hartford District. In 1846 he was commissioned Major of the 9th New England Regiment of Volunteers in the Mexican War; in 1847, the Commanding Officer of his regiment having fallen in the assault on Chapultepec, Major Seymour led the troops, scaled the heights, and with his men was the first to enter the fortress, earning him the title of "Hero of Chapultepec." Governor of Connecticut, 1850-53; Presidential Elector in 1853; U. S. Minister to Russia. During the Civil War, his sym-

pathies were largely with the South; a leader of the Connecticut Peace Democrats, closing his career as a public man. The late Gov. Charles R. Ingersoll, who was a friend and great admirer of Gov. Seymour, and also a great gentleman, a great churchman and a great Democrat, told the author that at the height of his career, no man in Connecticut was more warmly admired than Tom Seymour.

From the portrait painted by George F. Wright (1828-1881), in Memorial Hall, Connecticut State Library.

"Capt. Thomas H. Seymour, from the same school, (Captain Alden Partridge's Military School) belonged to a family noted for its military training and spirit. He afterwards became the commander of the Ninth (New England) Regiment, in the war with Mexico, and was a gallant and chivalrous officer." (Vol. 1, p. 186 Trumbull's Memorial History of Hartford County.)

First over the ramparts at the taking of Chapultepec, he was long referred to as the "Hero of Chapultepec."

CHAPULTEPEC.

"The Hill of the Grasshopper," is a bold projection of porphyry, rising two hundred feet above the valley. It was once an island in Lake Texcoco, is now fully four miles from the nearest shore. The Aztecs, who gave it the name which it now bears, occupied it in 1279, were driven from it by a neighboring tribe, but later regained it and built a temple on its summit. On the south side is a large spring, which is the water supply of part of the city. The castle occupies the site of Montezuma's palace, and is surrounded by a magnificent grove of old cypress trees, from which depend festoons of Spanish moss. A portion of the structure has been fitted up as a residence for the President, and the rest is occupied as the National Military School. The view from the ramparts and terraces is magnificent, comprising the city, with its many domes and towers, the surrounding fields and meadows, and the inclosing mountains, with Popocatepetl and Ixtaccihuatl standing proudly above all. We can describe the view from Chapultepec in no more fitting words than the following from the pen of Mr. F. Hopkinson Smith: "There are two views which always rise up in my memory when a grand panoramic vision bursts upon me suddenly. One is from a spot in Granada, called 'La Ultima Suspira de Mores.' It is where Boabdil stood and wept when he looked for the last time over the beautiful valley of the Vega—the loveliest garden in Spain—the red towers and terraces of the Alhambra bathed in the setting sun. The other is this great sweep of plain, the distant mountain range, with all its wealth of palm, orange and olive; the snow-capped twin peaks dominating the horizon; the silver line of the distant lake, and the fair city, the Tenochtitlan of the ancients, the Eldorado of Cortes, sparkling like a jewel in the midst of this vast stretch of green and gold.

"Both monarchs wept over their dominions. Boabdil, that the power of his race, which for six hundred years had ruled Spain, was broken, and that the light of the Crescent had paled forever in the effulgence of the rising Cross. Montezuma, that the fires of his temple had forever gone out, and that henceforth his people were slaves.

"Sitting alone on this parapet, watching the fading sunlight and the long creeping shadows, and comparing Mexico and Spain of today with what we know to be true of the Moors, and what we hope was true of the Aztecs, and being in a reflective frame of mind, it becomes a question with me whether the civilized world ought not to have mingled their tears with both potentates." The delightful historian sums it up in this way: "Spain has the unenviable credit of having destroyed two great civilizations."

GOVERNOR SEYMOUR'S RUSSIAN MISSION

It is more than likely that Governor Tom's personal papers and letters home to his family from Europe when United States Minister to Russia were destroyed at the time the old Seymour Homestead on Governor Street was dismantled and sold—that they shared the fate of that great accumulation of family and historic papers. Fortunately we get just a glimpse of him in the Mission in St. Petersburg through the eyes of Andrew Dickson White. When a young man just out of Yale, Governor Seymour invited White to be one of the attachés at the Mission in St. Petersburg. In his two-volume autobiography published in 1905, Mr. White recalls some of his experiences in St. Petersburg with Governor Seymour. We get a pleasing picture of the Minister and his young attaché sitting in the Legation before the fire, after the official and social duties of the day. Mr. White says: "I find Governor Seymour a man of real conviction, thoroughly a gentleman, quiet, conscientious, kindly, studious, thoughtful, modest, abstemious, hardly ever touching a glass of wine, a man esteemed and beloved by all who really knew him." (page 62) He further says of Governor Seymour that he "became one of the dearest friends I ever had." Regarding the Minister's mode of life in St. Petersburg, Mr. White says, "The minister had embraced a chance very rare in Russia,—one which, in fact, almost never occurs,—and had secured a large house fully furnished, with the servants, who, from the big chasseur who stood at the back of the minister's sledge to the boy who blew the organ on which I practiced, were serfs, and all, without exception, docile, gentle, and kindly."

Not long before Mr. White died, the author had a long talk with him in the Cosmos Club in Washington, during which Mr. White reminisced delightfully and with evident pleasure concerning life with Governor Tom at the Mission in St. Petersburg. Mr. White could not say enough in praise of Governor Tom's breeding and consideration of everyone attached to the Mission and, in particular, of all who asked his assistance. He was always willing to sacrifice his own time and convenience to others. Mr. White cites numerous instances of this. The author made notes of that talk, but cannot put his hand upon them at this writing. It is a tribute to Governor Seymour's judgment and conception of the manner in which the Mission should be staffed, that he should have selected as attachés for the mission two men who were destined to have such notable careers of their own in after life as Andrew Dickson White and Daniel Cort Gilman. It is clear that Governor Seymour won the warm admiration of Czar Nicholas I and of his successor Alexander II. The Czar gave Minister Seymour a superb malachite table and other costly and interesting souvenirs, and as late as 1863, four years after the Governor's return from Russia, he refers to having received some volumes from the Emperor, and they were in themselves princely gifts. At the termination of his mission Governor Seymour spent about a year travelling in Europe and then, after an absence from home of nearly six years, he returned at the end of August, 1859, landing at the port of Boston, where he was met by members of his family and two

friends who were to assist in the public reception planned for his return to Hartford. The party soon left Boston for Springfield and from Springfield they went on to Hartford where the Governor arrived in time to enter a barouche drawn by four black horses which took its place in the parade which attracted people from far around. The city was gay with bunting and banners as it had not been in its entire history. It may be doubted if any citizen, public or private, was ever given such a reception in Hartford before or since. The line of parade was something over a mile long, including people on horseback, in carriages, and on foot. Altogether there were something more than fifteen bands in the parade, which included the Seymour Light Infantry, the Governor's Horse Guards, and the Putnam Phalanx which had been organized while the Governor was in Europe chiefly for the purpose of participating in his reception home. An address of welcome was made by the Honorable Isaac W. Stuart to which Governor Seymour made an appropriate reply. *The Hartford Times*, the *Hartford Courant*, and *Hartford Post* of the time contain glowing accounts of the reception, testifying to the affection and admiration with which Governor Seymour was regarded. After reading these accounts of the affair, one can better understand the statements that Governor Seymour was at this time in his career the most beloved man in the State of Connecticut.

THE SEYMOUR DEMONSTRATION

Enthusiastic Reception of Col. Thomas H. Seymour

The man who has so riveted himself to the affections of the people as to be received in the manner in which Col. Thomas H. Seymour was received in this city yesterday, may well be proud of his position. Col. Seymour, after an absence of six years, four of which were spent as a representative of the United States Government at the Court of St. Petersburg, a position which he filled with credit to himself and honor to his government, now returns to his native country and the city of his birth as a citizen, and yet he is received with all the pomp and display, and a great deal more real enthusiasm than would be extended to the most exalted dignitary in the land if he should visit us. This demonstration in honor of Col. Seymour must be all the more gratifying to him from the fact that it is not bestowed on account of any official position which he now holds—it is the man that is honored—not alone by his political friends, but by men of all parties, old and young.—*From the Hartford Post of August 31, 1859.*

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CAPTAIN JOHN ELLERY (1681-1742)

A mariner, great-great-grandfather of Governor Thomas Hart Seymour of Connecticut. This canvas was deposited with the Connecticut Historical Society, July 10, 1885, by Captain Ellery's great-great-granddaughter, Miss Mary Ellery Seymour, of New Orleans, Louisiana, Governor Seymour's sister, who at the same time presented the portrait of her great-great-grandmother Jane Bonner (1691-1739). Their son John Ellery married Mary Austin; their son William Ellery (1740-1812) married Susanna Keith (1740-1768); their daughter Jane Ellery (1766-1851) married Major Henry Seymour (1764-1846) and became mother of Governor Thomas H. Seymour. Size of this canvas, 29½ x 30; artist unknown. For an account of the Hartford Ellerys, see Miss Talcott's note in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. 43, pp. 315-316. Captain John Ellery, the subject of this attractive portrait, was born in Gloucester, Massachusetts, June 5, 1681, and died in 1742.

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JANE (BONNER) ELLERY (1691-1739)

Jane Bonner (1691-1739), great-great-grandmother of Governor Thomas Hart Seymour; daughter of Captain John Bonner of Boston; born in Cambridge, May 2, 1691; taken to London where, when she was seven years old, she had the smallpox; married in Boston, August 31, 1710, to John Ellery (1681-1742). This portrait [artist unknown] was presented to the Connecticut Historical Society, July 10, 1885, by Miss Mary Ellery Seymour, Governor Seymour's sister.

Her son, John Ellery, married Mary Austin; their son, William Ellery, married Susanna Keith; their daughter, Jane Ellery, married Major Henry Seymour, father of Governor Seymour.

JOHN BONNER (1693-)

John Bonner (1693-), great-great-granduncle of Governor Thomas Hart Seymour; brother of Jane Bonner (1691-1739), Governor Seymour's great-great-grandmother. This canvas presented to the Connecticut Historical Society, December 3, 1844, by Major Henry Seymour, Governor Thomas H. Seymour's father. John Bonner was born in Cambridge, December 6, 1693, and was baptized in Boston the following March. He also had the smallpox in London, which broke out December 6, 1698; married in Boston, November 15, 1717, to Sarah, daughter of Samuel Marsh. It will be noted by comparing his picture with that of his sister, Jane Bonner, that each carries a rose. The painter of these two pictures is unknown. From the glimpse of the sea and sailing vessels in his picture it may be surmised that he was a mariner as was Captain John Bonner, his father, before him. In the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. V, p. 174, will be found some record of the Bonner family, which came to light among the papers of William Ellery, Esq., during the lifetime of his daughter, Mrs. Jane (Ellery) Seymour, mother of Governor Thomas Hart Seymour.

MARGARET (BEAUCHAMP) CHENEVARD (1707-1783)

Grandmother of Captain John Chenevard, Jr., who married Mary Juliana Seymour, daughter of the First Mayor, May 20, 1794. This canvas was presented to the Connecticut Historical Society by Mary Juliana's daughter, Mary Eliza (Chenevard) Comstock, September 1869, who at the same time presented to the Society a portrait of her great-granduncle, Adam Beauchamp. Margaret and Adam Beauchamp were daughter and son of Captain John Beauchamp and Margaret his wife, of Boston and Hartford. Artist unknown; size of this canvas 30 x 25. For their father's interesting will, see Manwaring's "Digest of Early Connecticut Probate Records," Vol. 3, pp. 223-4.

Margaret Beauchamp's sister, Marianne, by her first husband, John Lawrence, was mother of John Lawrence (1719-1802), Treasurer of Connecticut, 1769-1789, and also of Marian Lawrence, wife of William Keith and mother of Susanna (Keith) Ellery, grandmother of Governor Thomas Hart Seymour. The subject of this portrait was thus great-great-great-aunt of the Governor.

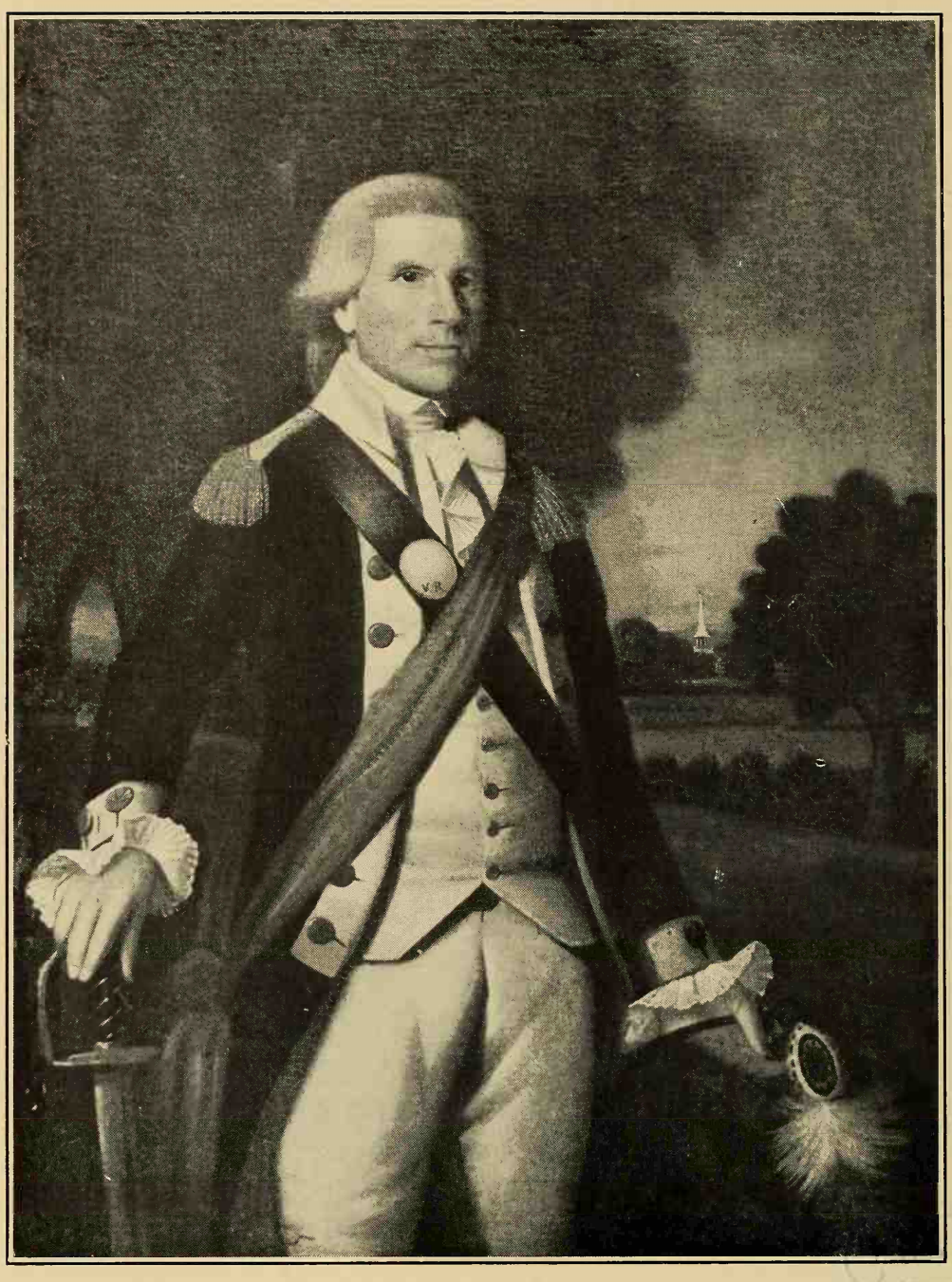
JANE ELLERY (1745-1787)

This beautiful and fashionable lady of quality was a great-aunt of Governor Thomas Hart Seymour. She was a daughter of John Ellery and Mary Austin of Hartford, where she was born December 1745, and where she died unmarried, August 23, 1787, at the age of forty-two. The canvas, measuring 24 x 29, is probably by John Durand, and therefore of particular interest, as few examples of the work of this artist are owned in Connecticut; presented October 13, 1841, by Major Henry Seymour, Governor Seymour's father, to the Connecticut Historical Society. A portrait of her brother, William Ellery (1740-1812), was presented by Major Henry Seymour at the same time to the Historical Society, but it has disappeared.

JOHN LEDYARD, THE TRAVELLER, IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF THE HARTFORD SEYMOURS

Jared Sparks (1789-1866) in his preface—1828—to his "Life of John Ledyard The American Traveller" said, "Particular acknowledgment is due to Mr. Henry Seymour (1764-1846) of Hartford, Connecticut, for the aid he has rendered. . . ." Seymour and young Ledyard (1751-1789) were first cousins; and the author doubts if there was anyone living from whom Sparks could have obtained as much information as from Seymour about Ledyard, whose fame as a traveller, at the time Sparks corresponded with Seymour, resounded throughout the civilized world. Ledyard, after the remarriage of his mother, removed to Hartford and became a member of the household of his grandfather, John Ledyard, in Hartford, where he entered the Grammar or Latin school, founded by Governor Hopkins (1600-1657) and now absorbed in the Hartford Public High School. After the death of his grandfather Ledyard in 1771, the young man was placed under the guardianship of Colonel Thomas Seymour (afterwards the First Mayor) whose wife, Mary Ledyard, was his aunt. His uncle was then King's Attorney, and he studied law for a while in his offices. But law was too severe a mistress for a spirit so restless and adventuresome; and the young man accepted an invitation of Eleazer Whitlock, a friend of his grandfather Ledyard, to Dartmouth College, established two years before at Hanover, New Hampshire, "amidst the forests on the banks of the Connecticut River." Here Ledyard entertained himself and the students by the production of several tragedies, including Addison's Cato, from which Hale derived his immortal last words. In a few months he floated alone down the Connecticut River in a canoe of his own making and surprised the Seymours.

Fascinating as the subject is, this is not the time nor the place for rehearsing the story of John Ledyard, the Traveller, more than to say that after many adventures on land and sea, he returned to Hartford; and in the forepart of 1782 again became a member of the Seymour household in which he wrote his celebrated book, "A Journal of Captain Cook's Last Voyage to the Pacific Ocean," published in 1783. Surely no book of adventure was ever written in Hartford equal to this story, put on paper in the old Seymour Homestead on Governor Street, where we may well believe that the subsequent vicissitudes of the Traveller were of all-absorbing interest to the Hartford Seymours and their friends. It is more than likely that when the old homestead was dismantled and its papers sold or destroyed, many letters of John Ledyard, the Traveller, were lost.



MAJOR MOSES SEYMOUR (1742-1826)

Born at Hartford, July 23, 1742; died at Litchfield, Sept. 17, 1826; educated at Hopkins Grammar School, Hartford; removed (1765) to Litchfield, where he had a long, distinguished and useful career as an officer in the war of the Revolution and as a public official; in 1783 retired with the rank of Major; Town Clerk of Litchfield for 37 years; elected annually to the Legislature from 1795 to 1811; active in the affairs of the Protestant Episcopal Church; interested in securing the proceeds of the sale of the Western Reserve for the promotion of common school education.

From a portrait by Earl, in the Seymour family homestead at Litchfield.

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MOLLY (MARSH) SEYMOUR (1752-1826)

Wife of Major Moses Seymour of Litchfield; daughter of Colonel Ebenezer and Deborah (Buell) Marsh; born at Litchfield, Nov. 24, 1752; married Nov. 7, 1771, to Major Moses Seymour; died July 17, 1826. She is shown with her son, Epaphroditus, born July 8, 1788.

From a painting by Ralph Earl, in the Seymour Homestead at Litchfield.

CLARISSA (SEYMOUR) MARSH (1772-1865)

Daughter of Major Moses Seymour of Litchfield, Connecticut; born there Aug. 3, 1772; died there Sept. 2, 1865; on Oct. 22, 1791, she became the wife of Rev. Truman Marsh (1768-1851), Yale Coll. 1786, who was ordained by Bishop Seabury, first Bishop of Connecticut, in 1790, and was Rector of St. John's, New Milford, 1790-1799, and of St. Michael's, Litchfield, 1799-1810.

From a portrait by Ralph Earl, in the Seymour Homestead in Litchfield. Earl's fine portrait of the Rev. Truman Marsh is in the collection of the Brooklyn Art Museum.

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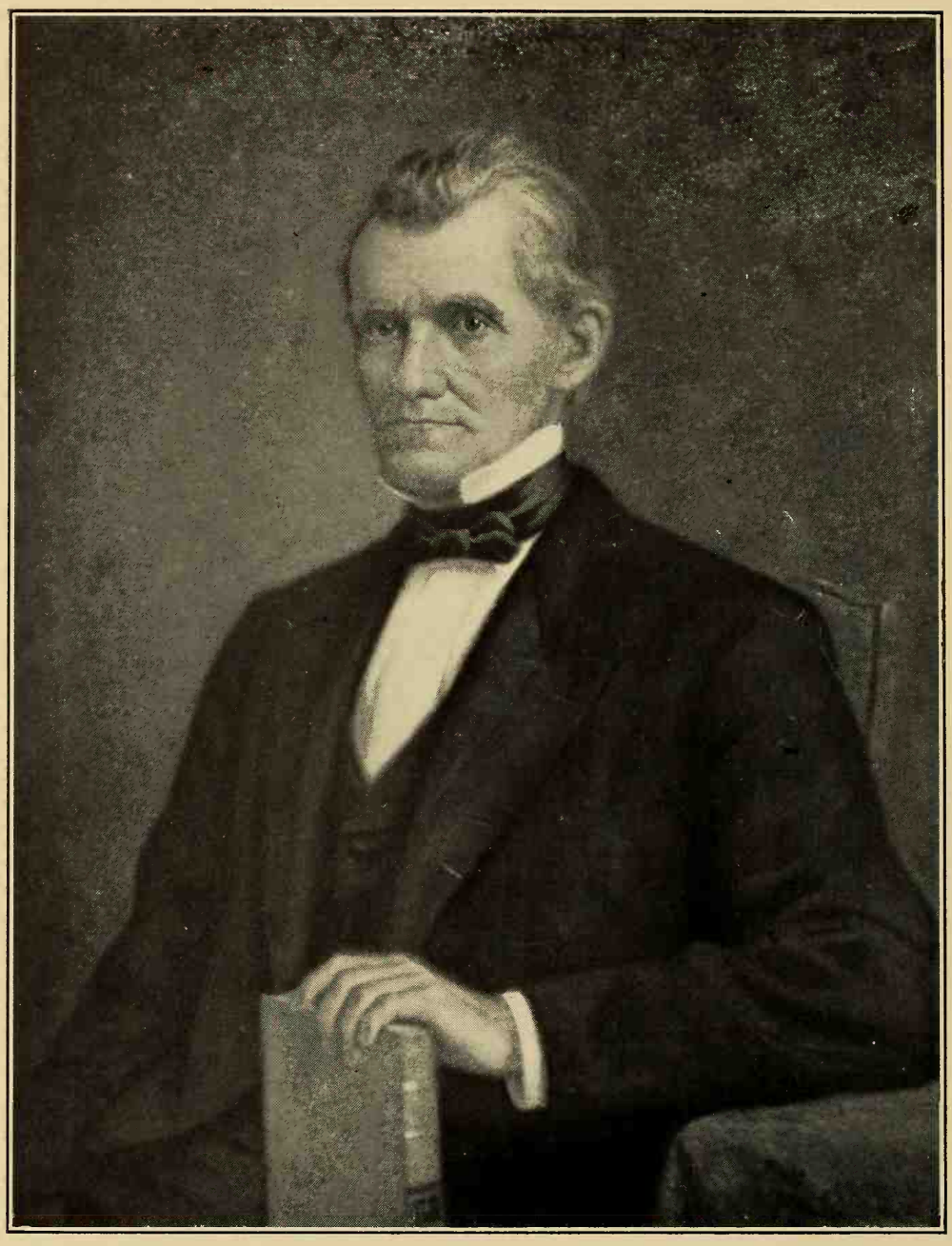
MOSES SEYMOUR, JR. (1774-1826)

Son of Major Moses Seymour; born at Litchfield, June 30, 1774, died there May 8, 1826; a prominent merchant, and one of those who first introduced carding machines into the country; Postmaster of Litchfield for twenty-five years; Sheriff of Litchfield County, six years.

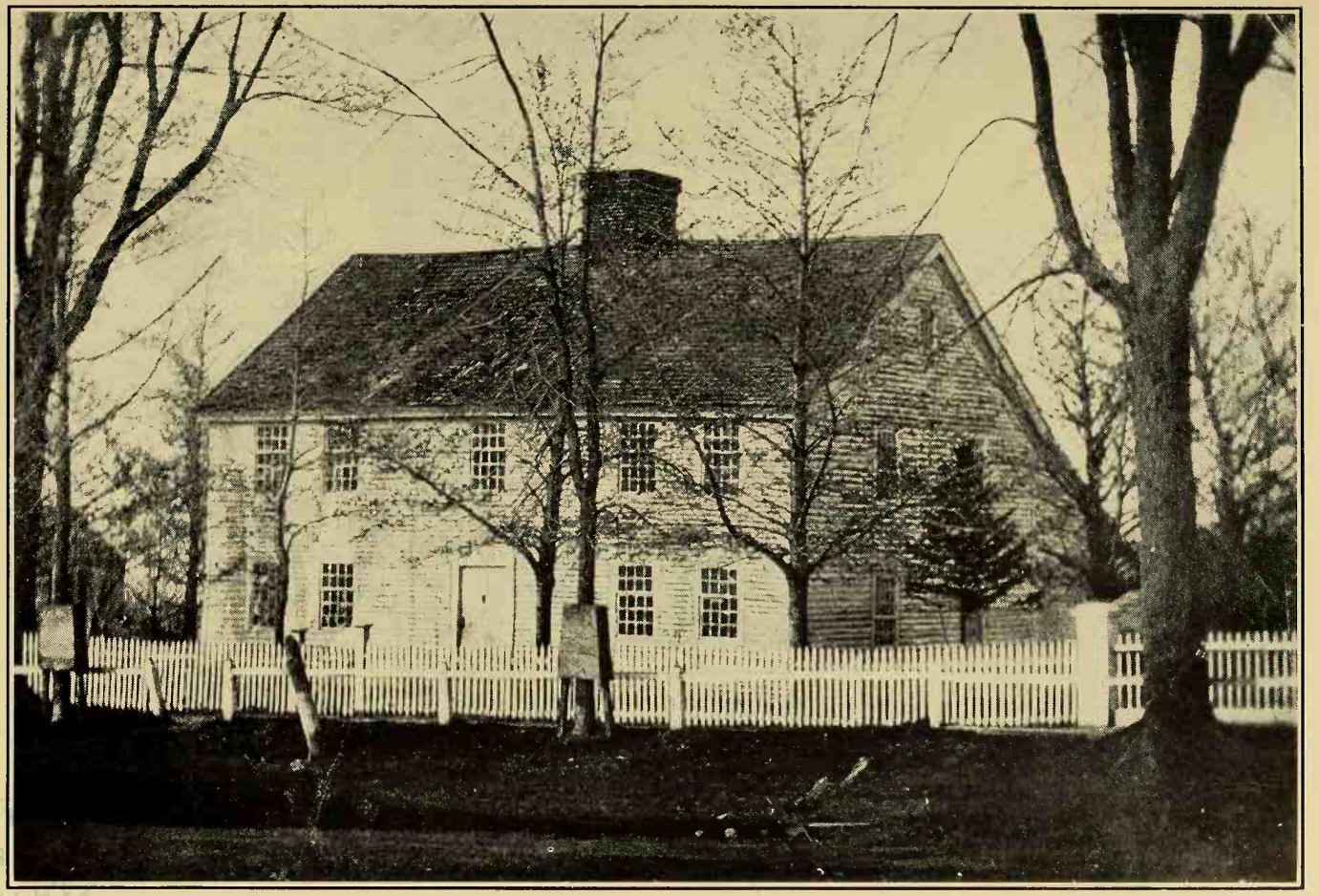
The portrait, by Ralph Earl, is in possession of descendants.



CHIEF-JUSTICE ORIGEN STORRS SEYMOUR (1804-1881)

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT 1855-1862;
ELEVATED TO THE SUPREME COURT OF ERRORS 1870;
CHIEF JUSTICE 1873-1874.

Owing to the Constitutional limitations of age, Judge Seymour retired in 1874. From 1876 till his death he delivered an annual course of lectures at the Yale Law School. An active member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, he was a delegate to every General Convention from 1868 to his death. Trinity gave him a degree of LL.D. in 1861 and Yale in 1873. His father, Ozias Seymour, son of Major Moses, was for many years Sheriff of Litchfield County.



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THE OLD SEYMOUR HOMESTEAD, LITCHFIELD

Major Moses Seymour and Molly Marsh, his wife, went to live in this house on their marriage, Nov. 7, 1771. Here they lived and died, and here all their children were born. The house was built in 1735 either by Colonel Ebenezer Marsh, Sr., Molly's father, or by Thomas Grant, and was demolished in 1855.

From a daguerreotype furnished by Judge Origen S. Seymour of Litchfield.

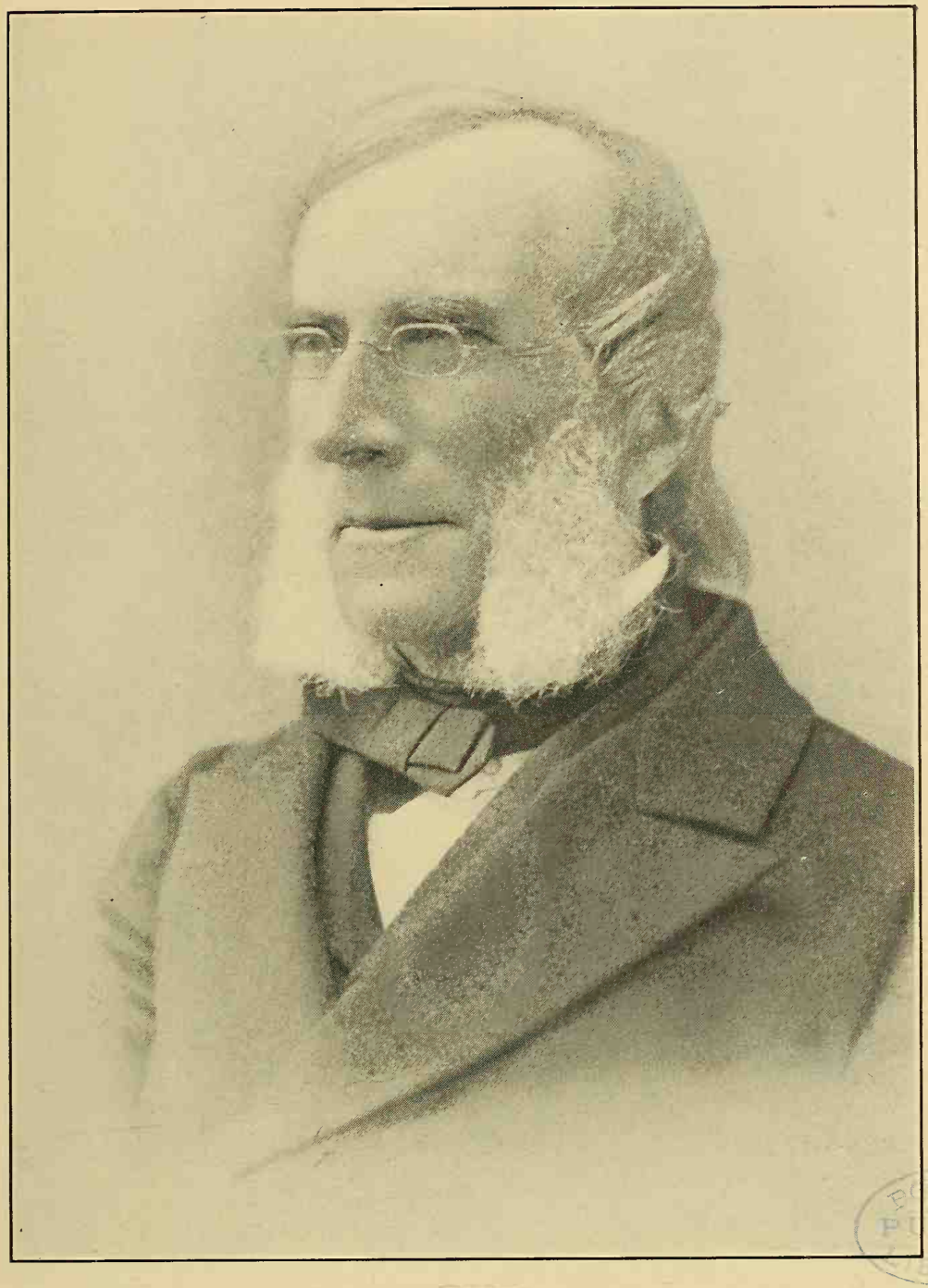
CHARLES SEYMOUR (1777-1852) OF HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

From a miniature on ivory (artist unknown), painted shortly before his marriage as the author was informed by his youngest daughter, Miss Emily Seymour of Hartford. The miniature is at present in the custody of Charles Seymour's great-granddaughter, Mrs. Caroline Day (Bissell) Garmany.

A prominent merchant; treasurer of the First Ecclesiastical Society; vice-president of the oldest Savings Bank of Hartford; director of the American Asylum for Deaf Mutes for thirty years.

His wife, born Catherine Perkins, was daughter of Rev. Nathan Perkins (Coll. of N. J., 1770), D.D., for sixty-five years pastor of the Church of Christ in West Hartford; granddaughter of Rev. Timothy Pitkin (Yale Coll., 1747), of Farmington, Conn. (a son of Gov. William Pitkin) and of Temperance (Clap) Pitkin, daughter of Thomas Clap (1703-1767, Harvard Coll. 1722), President of Yale College.

Great-grandfather of Charles Seymour, President of Yale University.



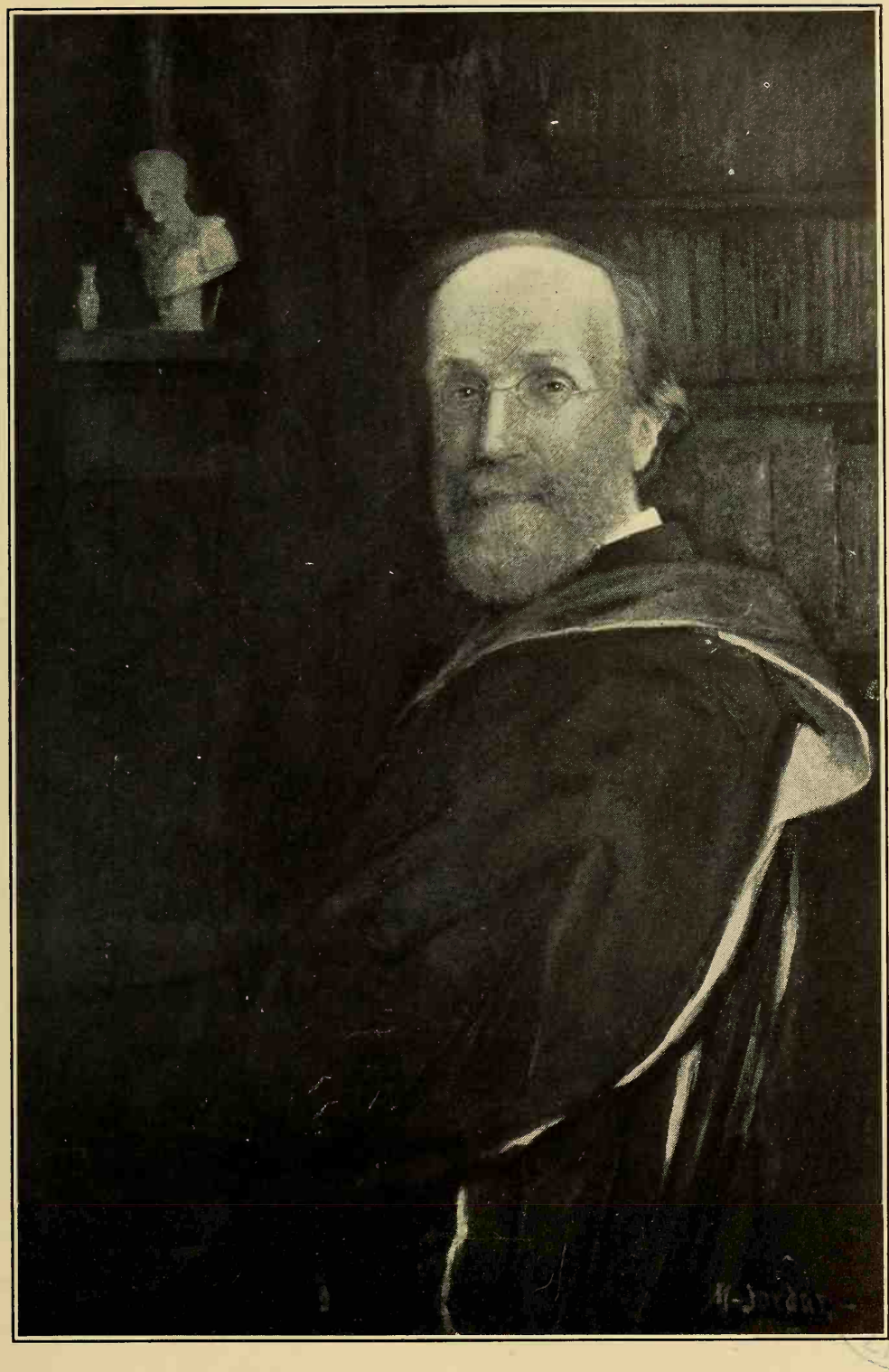
NATHAN PERKINS SEYMOUR, LL.D. (1813-1891)

A native of Hartford, Conn., and a great-great-grandson of Thomas Clap (1703-1767, Harvard College 1722), President of Yale College; grandfather of Charles Seymour, President of Yale University.

Educated at Hopkins Grammar School, Hartford, and Yale College (B.A., 1834); LL.D. (Kenyon College, 1867). Rector of the Hopkins Grammar School of Hartford, 1834-1836; tutor in Yale College, 1836-1840; Professor of Latin and Greek in Western Reserve College, Hudson, Ohio, 1840-70; thereafter Professor Emeritus, but continued as lecturer on English literature, both at Western Reserve and at other colleges and schools, including Yale College and the School at Farmington, Conn., of Miss Sarah Porter, sister of President Porter of Yale.

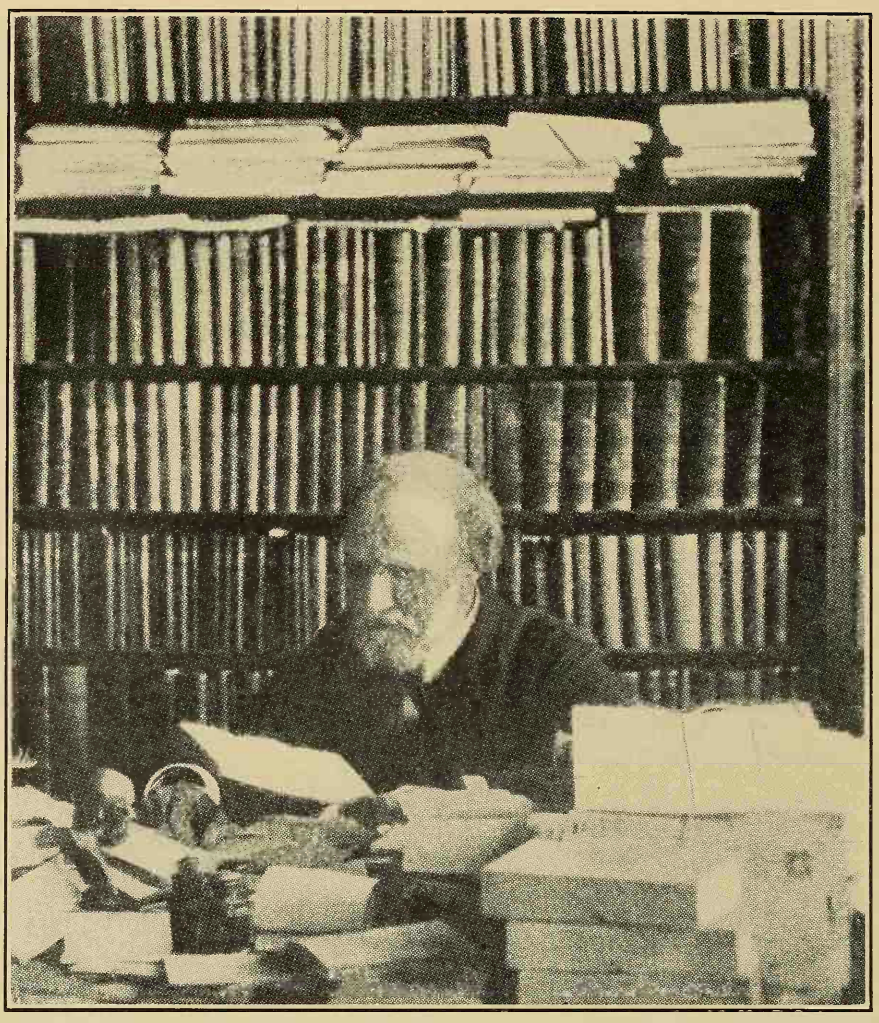
THOMAS DAY SEYMOUR (1848-1907) (WESTERN RESERVE COLLEGE, B.A. 1870)

From a photograph when young Seymour was a Senior at Western Reserve College at Hudson, Ohio. An Alpha Delta Phi pin is on the lapel of his coat. On graduation he delivered the valedictory oration. Father of President Seymour of Yale.



THOMAS DAY SEYMOUR, LL.D. (WESTERN RESERVE, GLASGOW, AND HARVARD) (1848-1907)

A portrait by Mrs. Mildred Jordan Tuttle, in the possession of his son, President Charles Seymour, of Yale.



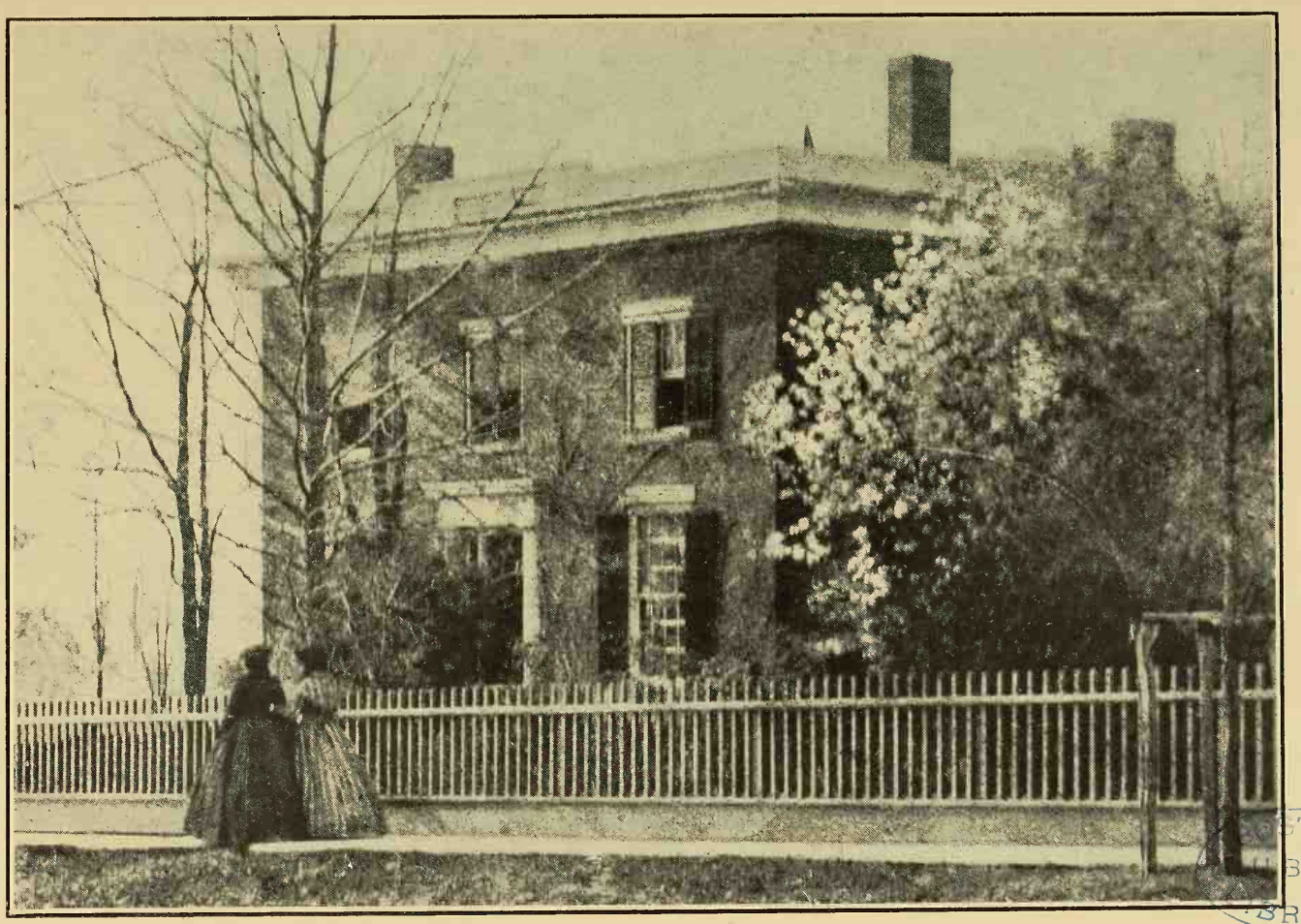
Courtesy of Yale Alumni Weekly.

PROFESSOR THOMAS DAY SEYMOUR (1848-1907)

Born at Hudson, Ohio; died at New Haven, Conn.; Hillhouse Professor of Greek at Yale; a rare scholar, a wise counsellor, a fine character, a man who had the modesty and simplicity of greatness; father of President Seymour of Yale. His successor, Professor Bernadotte Perrin, said of Professor Seymour: "He was saturated with the history, traditions, and spirit of Yale; proud of her great worthies and emulous of their services and fame; tireless, in season and out of season, in laboring with all his powers for her welfare and upbuilding. * * * He followed a Woolsey, a Hadley, and a Packard as head of the Department of Greek and the succession took on lustre. * * * From his earliest youth on, he followed a voice that called him to 'scorn delights, and live laborious days.' * * * * We call out to his spirit, as Vergil sadly calls to Dante at their parting:

Lo tuo piacere omai prendi per duce;
Libero, sano e dritto è tuo arbitrio,
Perch' io te sopra te corono e mitrio."

From a photograph taken in 1905 in his study in Phelps Hall.



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THE SEYMOUR HOME, HUDSON, OHIO

Built in 1843 by Prof. Nathan Perkins Seymour and occupied by the Seymour family until April, 1891; photographed about 1863. The two ladies in front of the house are his daughter, Sarah Day Seymour (afterwards Mrs. Parsons), and a friend. The house is said to have been modeled after a family home in Hartford, the builder's native town, and was also said to be large enough for the entire faculty of Western Reserve College at the time it was built. Courtesy of his grandson, William E. Parsons, now on the faculty of the Yale School of Fine Arts.

HON. HENRY SEYMOUR (1780-1837) OF UTICA, N. Y.

Son of Maj. Moses Seymour; born in Litchfield, Conn.; moved soon after he became of age to central New York; married at Cazenovia, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1807, Mary Ledyard Forman. He held the office of Canal Commissioner from 1819 to 1833. He was a man of fine character and appearance, as well as of conspicuous ability; father of Horatio Seymour, Governor of New York, Julia Catherine Seymour, wife of Hon. Roscoe Conkling, U. S. Senator from New York, and Helen Clarissa Seymour, the wife of Ledyard Lincklaen, Esq., and other children; grandfather of Mrs. Charles S. Fairchild.

From a miniature owned by his granddaughter, the late Mrs. Walter G. Oakman, daughter of Mrs. Conkling.

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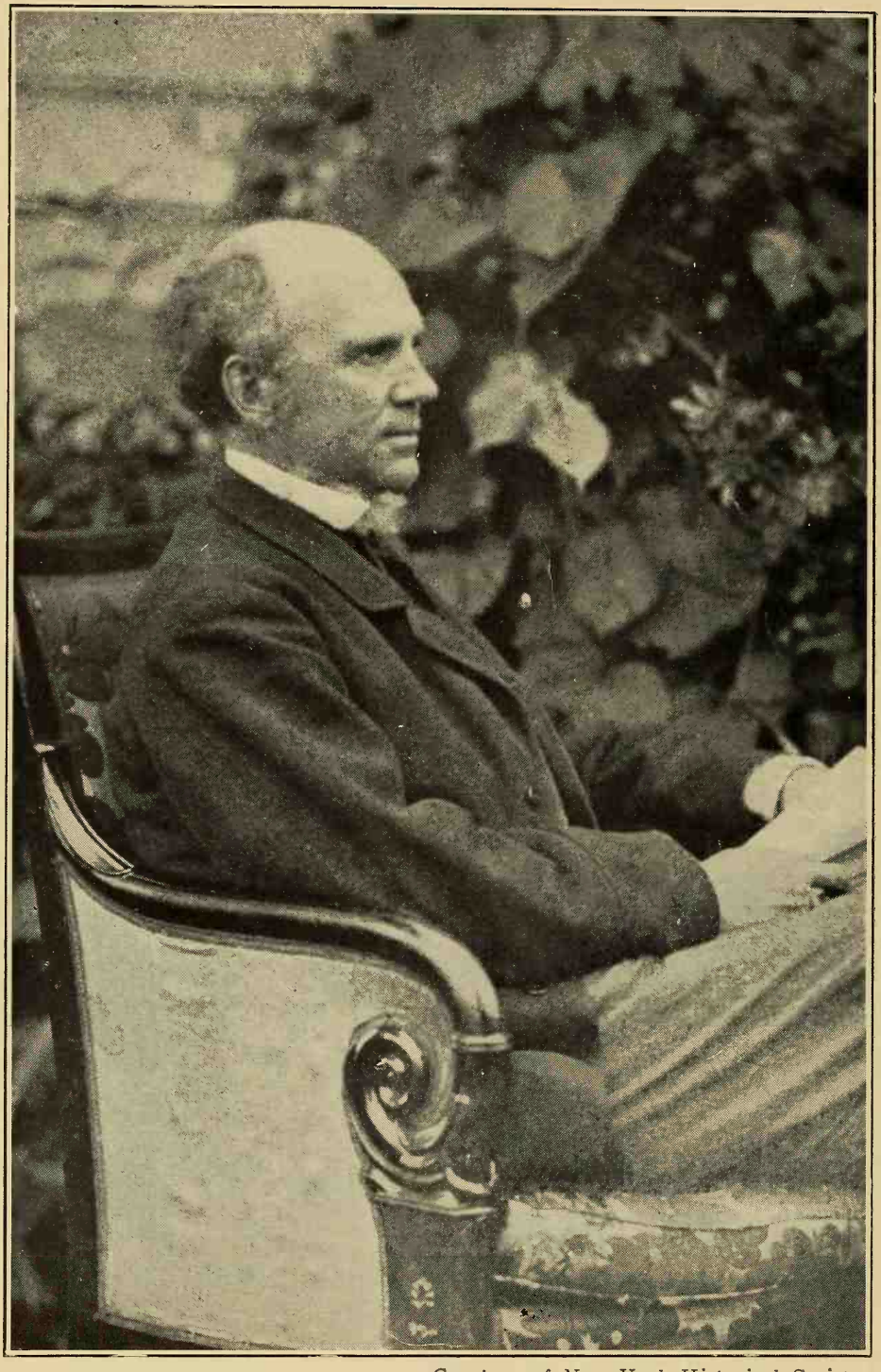
MARY LEDYARD (FORMAN) SEYMOUR (1785-1859)

Wife of Henry Seymour (1780-1837), and mother of Horatio Seymour, Governor of New York; daughter of General Jonathan Forman and Mary (Ledyard) Forman, who was a daughter of Youngs Ledyard, of New London, a sea captain in the West India trade, a son of John Ledyard, the founder of the family in this country. Colonel William Ledyard, the "Gallant Ledyard," was her great-uncle, and Mary Ledyard, the wife of Thomas Seymour, the First Mayor of Hartford, was her great-aunt.

From a copy of the portrait painted 1823 by William Dunlap. See "Sketch of Life of Horatio Seymour," by A. J. Wall, p. 9.

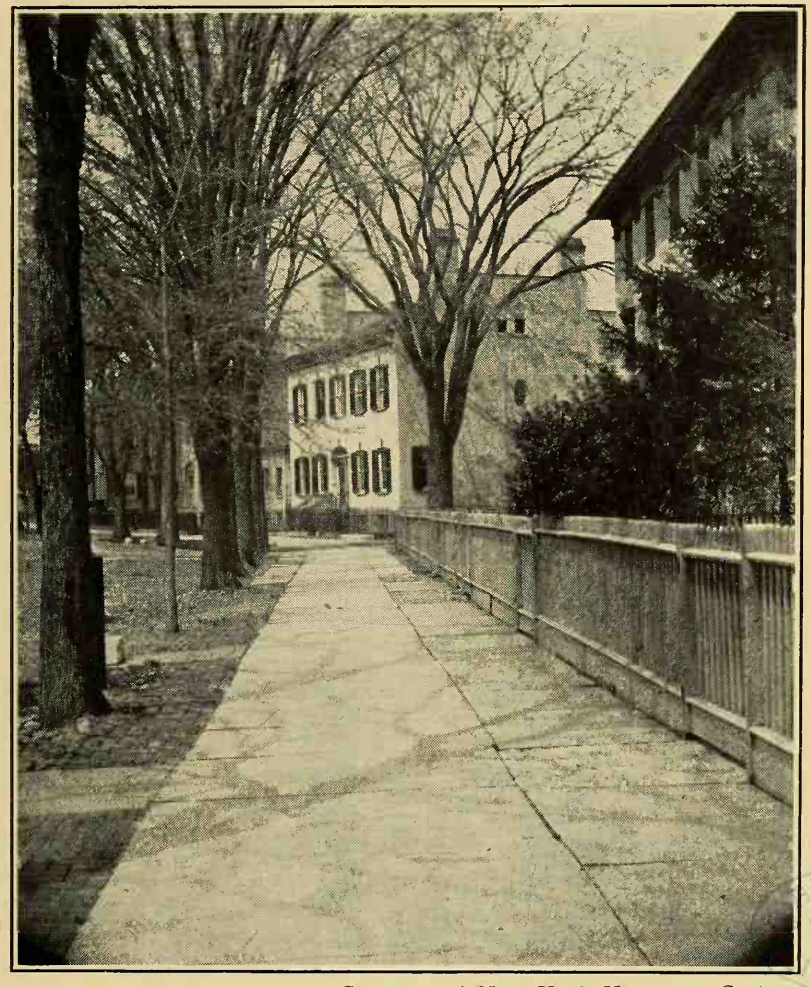


Courtesy of New York Historical Society.

GOVERNOR HORATIO SEYMOUR (1810-1886)

The picture shows Gov. Seymour as he appeared when a candidate for the presidency of the United States in 1868. His long and distinguished, but somewhat tempestuous, public career is a part of our political history and needs no rehearsal here. He was a man of culture and refinement and of the highest personal character.

"Horatio Seymour . . . was perhaps the best-loved man in America. In the race for power, in the field of achievement, he was easily outshone by others, but for the last ten years of his life, at least, it was true that the name of no other American could so surely touch the chord of popular feeling and enthusiasm, not only in his own section, but in the far West or the remote South as well. . . . With few exceptions he was the best of American orators, and was without any exception whatever the kindliest, most attractive, most valued of American publicists, alike in his utterances and his personality. His political career was full of self-abnegation. . . . His private life was so beneficent, so gracious in all its aspects, that the whole country came to know of it, and to take pride in it as exemplifying, at their very highest, the qualities of an American gentleman." (*London Times*, February 16, 1886.)



Courtesy of New York Historical Society.

THE TOWN HOUSE OF HON. HENRY SEYMOUR (1780-1837), UTICA, N. Y.

The picture shows the house as it appeared about 1880. The house was built by David Childs. Mr. Seymour bought the house in 1820, and here was born his youngest child, Julia Catherine Seymour, afterwards Mrs. Roscoe Conkling.

HELEN CLARISSA (SEYMOUR) LINCKLAEN (1818-1894)

Daughter of Hon. Henry and Mary Ledyard (Forman) Seymour, sister of Governor Horatio Seymour, and wife of Ledyard Lincklaen, Esq., of Cazenovia, N. Y.

A contemporary tribute was published in the local paper following her death:

HELEN CLARISSA (SEYMOUR) LINCKLAEN

"Mrs. Lincklaen, the daughter of Henry Seymour, was born in Pompey, in 1818. In her childhood her parents removed to Utica, where her early years were passed. She was the granddaughter of Gen. Jonathan Forman, an early and prominent citizen of Cazenovia, and a near relative of several notable families of that place. She was thus, from early childhood, familiar with Cazenovia and its inhabitants. In 1843 she became the wife of the late Ledyard Lincklaen, the eldest son of Jonathan D. Ledyard, and from that time she has been conspicuously identified with the interests of Cazenovia.

"She was intelligent in a marked degree, well educated, accomplished in the graces of polite society and skilled in the arts of housewifery. Her home was her delight, and the scene of incessant industry, and in it she discharged the duties of a large and graceful hospitality. Keenly alive to the responsibilities of her position, and steadily endeavoring to perform the duties pertaining to it, she was without the smallest particle of personal vanity.

"Gracious, kind and generous, her character was, by no means, a negative one. She held her opinions strongly and expressed them forcibly. Possessed with a directness of speech and an emphasis of manner, she was able, upon proper occasions, to advise, to direct and if necessary to rebuke effectively.

"Thinking highly, speaking forcibly and living simply, she held high the standard of womanly excellence, which she received from those who had gone before, and her influence in the community in which she lived, and beyond it, will be effective long after she returns to dust.

"She was the oldest member of St. Peter's Church and her piety was unaffected, sincere and devoted. She leaves an only child, the wife of Charles S. Fairchild. She died at her home in Cazenovia, on Monday, June 4, 1894."

(From a cameo portrait.)

(Taken in Florence, Italy.)

From photographs given to the author many years ago, by her daughter, Mrs. Charles S. Fairchild.

JULIA CATHERINE (SEYMOUR) CONKLING (1827-1893)

Daughter of Hon. Henry and Mary Ledyard (Forman) Seymour; married June 25, 1855, to the Hon. Roscoe Conkling; a sister of Governor Horatio Seymour, of New York, and Mrs. Ledyard Lincklaen, and aunt of Mrs. Charles S. Fairchild, of Cazenovia. A woman of remarkable beauty, gracious, charitable,

warmly patriotic. At Washington and Utica her hospitality was noted for its charming grace and dignity (see p. 252). The author cannot forbear paying a tribute to Mrs. Conkling as an ideal American lady, and recalls with pleasure dining in her company many years ago. Not only were her personal beauty and dignity exceptional, but she spoke with the most beautiful voice and intonation of any woman he ever heard.

MRS. ROSCOE CONKLING.

"I remember Mrs. Roscoe Conkling in the first years of the war, when she shone in Washington, where she devoted much time and energy to the sick soldiers in the hospitals. She looked like some worthy chatelaine of the middle ages, as she came from her errands of mercy, 'with a pale cheek, and yet a brow inspired,' and she was always composed, gentle and firm. At the dinner parties we used to say that Senator and Mrs. Conkling were the handsomest pair in Washington.

"I was at a dinner with her at Governor Morgan's, given to General Grant after he was elected, but before he was inaugurated. Mrs. Conkling, looking splendid in a blue brocade with pearls was taken in by Senator Sumner. After dinner I had a few words with Senator Sumner. I said: 'I have been so fortunate as to sit next to Mr. Conklin, and we have talked poetry.' Said he: 'I have been so lucky as to sit next Mrs. Conkling, and we have talked sense. Do you know, she is one of the few women who can talk sense.'

"Mrs. Conkling was very much admired at Washington, but her heart seemed never to be in that life. She told me later on how much better she loved her life at Utica. When I saw her in her beautiful house, so adored by her neighbors, I did not wonder. * * * Who could have thought that death lurked so near that placid brain! But she is gone, leaving the most wonderful record of a woman without vanity, though beautiful; without undue pride, though of aristocratic lineage and connections; a woman pure, self contained, silent, yet overflowing with sympathy."—(*Philadelphia Inquirer.*)

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HELEN (LINCKLAEN) FAIRCHILD (1846-1931)

Daughter of Helen Clarissa Seymour and Ledyard Lincklaen; wife of Charles Stebbins Fairchild, U. S. Secretary of the Treasury under President Cleveland. Governor Horatio Seymour, of New York, was her uncle, and Mrs. Roscoe Conkling her aunt. A Washington official, who sometimes attended her entertainments, told the author that her breeding and intelligence and social accomplishments entitled her to be called the "Grande Dame" of President Cleveland's administration.

From a photograph taken at her family home, "Lorenzo," Cazenovia, New York. (See p. 250.)

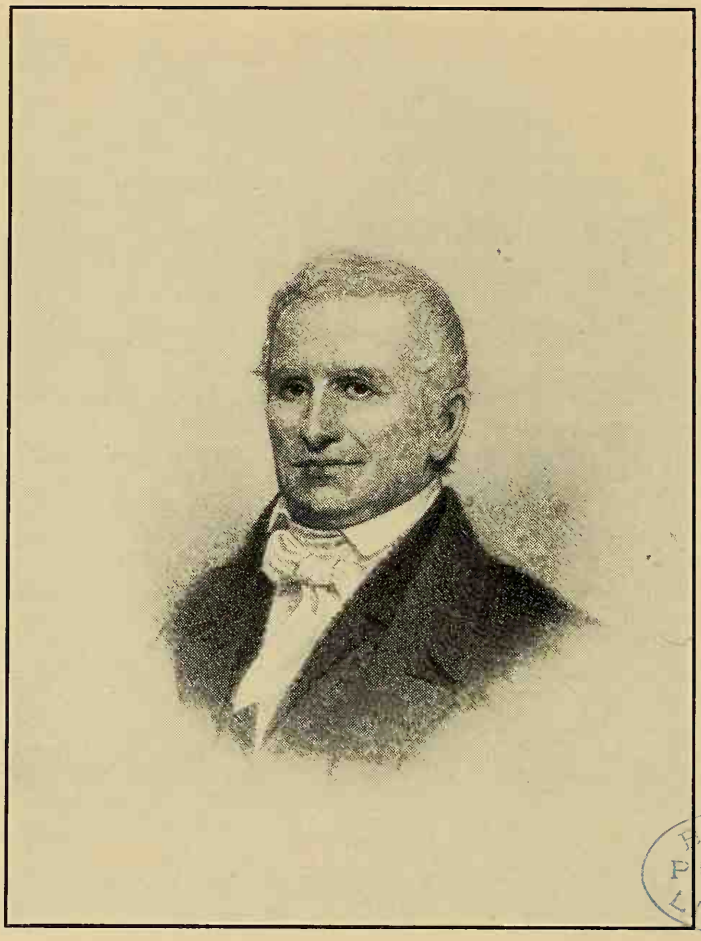
"Lorenzo, the old Lincklaen place by the lake was for nearly eighty-six years, the home of Helen Lincklaen Fairchild, daughter of Ledyard and Helen

Clarissa (Seymour) Lincklaen, and wife of the late Hon. Charles S. Fairchild to whom she was married upon June 1, 1871. Mr. Fairchild died in November of 1924.

"Mrs. Fairchild was a woman of high nobility of character and of unusual attainments, intellectual and in the graces of life, and was eminently fitted for the varied duties and pleasures that she shared with her husband during his long and successful career. While dispensing gracious hospitality she found time for extensive reading and study and the writing of books and was deeply interested in historical and genealogical research and her statements and publications upon these subjects are valued contributions to Americana because of their irrefutable accuracy. She compiled from the Journals of John Lincklaen a record of 'Travels in Pennsylvania, Vermont and New York 1791-1792' published in 1897. She wrote the life of 'Francis Adrian Van Der Kemp,' the Dutch patriot, friend of Adams and Jefferson, who came to America in 1788, published in 1903. Mrs. Fairchild was a member of the Colonial Dames and also of the Daughters of the American Revoluton, and in this connection one is reminded of her intense patriotism. She loved her country and its institutions; she was proud of its best traditions and of the great men, soldiers and statesmen associated with its history.

"Mrs. Fairchild was an Episcopalian by tradition and conviction, holding firmly to the old-time teachings and practices; faithful in her attendance upon the services of the sanctuary, and with a purse open to appeals for the work and support of the church. In New York City, Grace Church was her church home and both she and Mr. Fairchild were warm friends of the late Rev. William R. Huntington. But she always looked upon St. Peter's, Cazenovia, as her own. It was the parish church of her family and ever dear in her sight." (*The Cazenovia Republican*, May 7, 1931.)

The author cannot refrain from adding a brief personal tribute to Mrs. Fairchild, with whom he corresponded for many years and whom he saw from time to time in New York. To dine with her surrounded by her family treasures and to participate in the conversation at her table, remains in his memory as one of the outstanding social experiences of his life. The author despairs of giving the reader any adequate idea of Mrs. Fairchild's charm, but cannot forbear mentioning the rare quality of her speech and the beauty of her voice. Her aunt, Mrs. Conkling, had one of the most beautiful speaking voices that he remembers to have heard. No one with the blood of Richard Seymour, the Colonist, would have been more interested in this book than Mrs. Fairchild. She also had the blood of John Ledyard, the founder of that family in this country, and had collected a large amount of material about him and his descendants. The manuscript material collected by her on the Ledyard family is to be deposited by her wish in the New York Historical Society.



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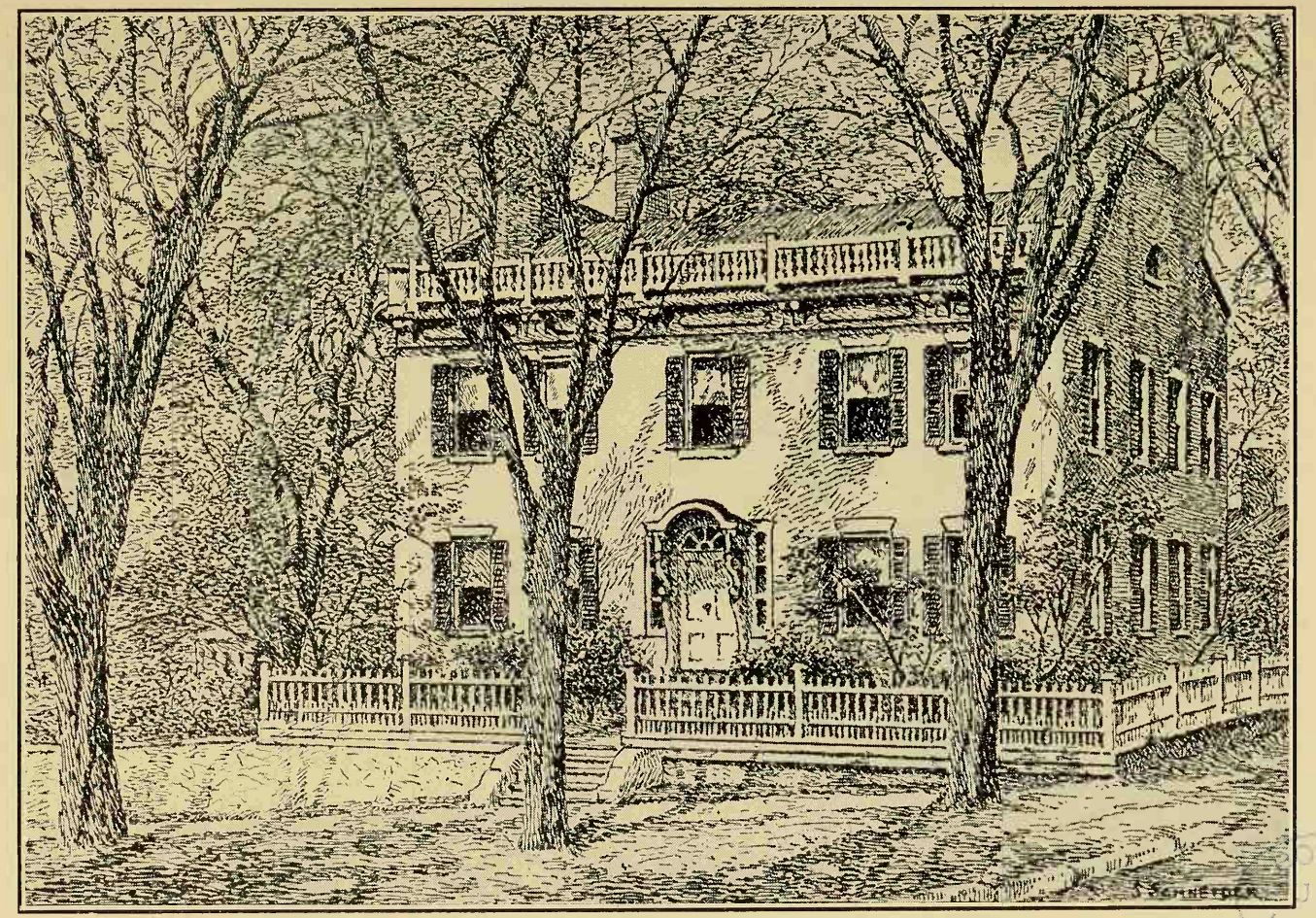
SENATOR HORATIO SEYMOUR (1778-1857) OF MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT

Son of Major Moses Seymour of Litchfield, where he was born May 31, 1778. After graduation from Yale in 1797, he prepared for the bar at the Litchfield Law School; removed to Middlebury 1799; admitted to the bar there 1800; had a large and lucrative law practice. Daniel Webster said he was the best lawyer in New England of his day. He filled many public offices and as a "Clay Democrat," served two terms as U. S. Senator. From the portrait by Jonathan Mason, Jr., in the possession of the family. A copy of it hangs in the beautiful brick mansion he built in Middlebury in 1815. Trustee of Middlebury College 1810-1855; LL.D., Yale, 1847. Gov. Horatio of New York was his nephew and namesake.

Edward J. Phelps, who was a native of Middlebury and our United States Minister of the Court of St. James by appointment of President Cleveland, prepared for the bar in Senator Seymour's office in Middlebury. I am told that Minister Phelps took great pleasure in recalling his days of preparing for the bar in the office of Mr. Seymour, who would have been proud had he lived to point to such a distinguished pupil.



HON. HORATIO SEYMOUR'S MANSION, MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT

This brick mansion was built in 1815 by Hon. Horatio Seymour. The house originally had at the rear an arcaded extension of wood, providing a vast woodshed with three chambers above. The house has a notably fine front hall and stairway. A basement room contains a huge fireplace, flanked by a Dutch oven, and alongside of them a masonry platform into which are set two great cauldrons over individual caverns for cordwood.

During Senator Seymour's lifetime the hospitality of the house was overflowing. The tradition of it and his warmth of manner is still one of Middlebury's choicest memories. The house is still the architectural treasure of Middlebury.

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GENERAL TRUMAN SEYMOUR (1824-1891)

Born at Burlington, Vt., 1824; graduated U. S. Military Academy, West Point, 1846; won the brevet of First Lieutenant for gallantry at Cerro Gordo, and that of Captain for Contreras and Churubusco; served against the Seminoles in Florida in 1856-8; took part in the defense of Fort Sumter in 1861, for which he received the brevet of Major; active throughout the Civil War and in many important engagements; present at Lee's surrender; mustered out of service 1865; Brigadier General, U. S. A.; retired from active service 1876. Thereafter he lived much abroad, chiefly in Florence, Italy, where he died and is buried. He made valuable contributions to the family history, and collected much of the data on his branch used in the present volume.

From a painting by his father-in-law, Prof. Robert Weir, of West Point, now owned by Prof. Weir's granddaughter, wife of the Rt. Rev. James DeWolfe Perry, Bishop of Rhode Island.

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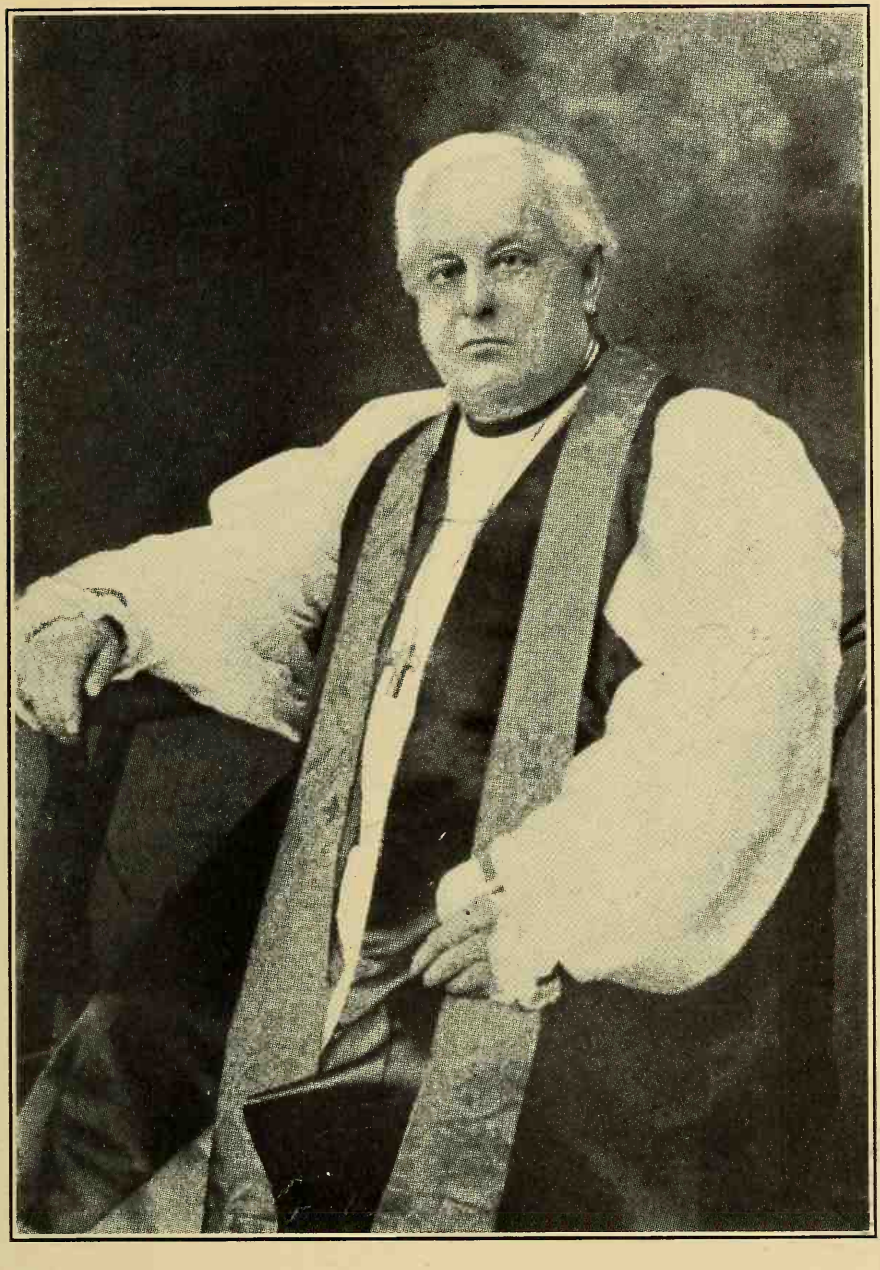
ANN (SEYMOUR) ROBINSON (1801-1892)

Daughter of Asa Seymour of Hartford. The author regrets the death of her grandson, the late Arthur Leffingwell Shipman, of Hartford, who was untiring in his praise of the beauty and remarkable wit and character of his grandmother Robinson. She had a great sense of her "place in the Sun," considering herself very fortunate in being a Seymour by birth.

The surviving children of Mrs. Robinson were: Lucius Franklin, who married Eliza S. Trumbull; Sarah Amelia, wife of Hon. J. Hammond Trumbull, Connecticut State Librarian; Henry Cornelius (Yale, 1853), who married Eliza Niles Trumbull; Mary Caroline, wife of Judge Nathaniel Shipman (Yale, 1848; LL.D., 1884); and Alfred S., who married Emily Haynes.

LT.-COL. CLARENCE WILLIAM SEYMOUR (1885-)

Educated at Hartford Public High School (1903), Yale College (1907), and Yale Law School (1911); admitted to the Connecticut Bar, June, 1911, and practicing in Hartford since that date. Much engaged in civic and military affairs. Served in France as a Captain with the American Expeditionary Forces. Member of both branches of the Connecticut Legislature, and a candidate for Congress. Past Governor of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut, and of the Connecticut Society of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims. Commander in the Military Order of the World War. He is owner of the historic Newgate Prison property in Granby, and has delivered many addresses on historical subjects.



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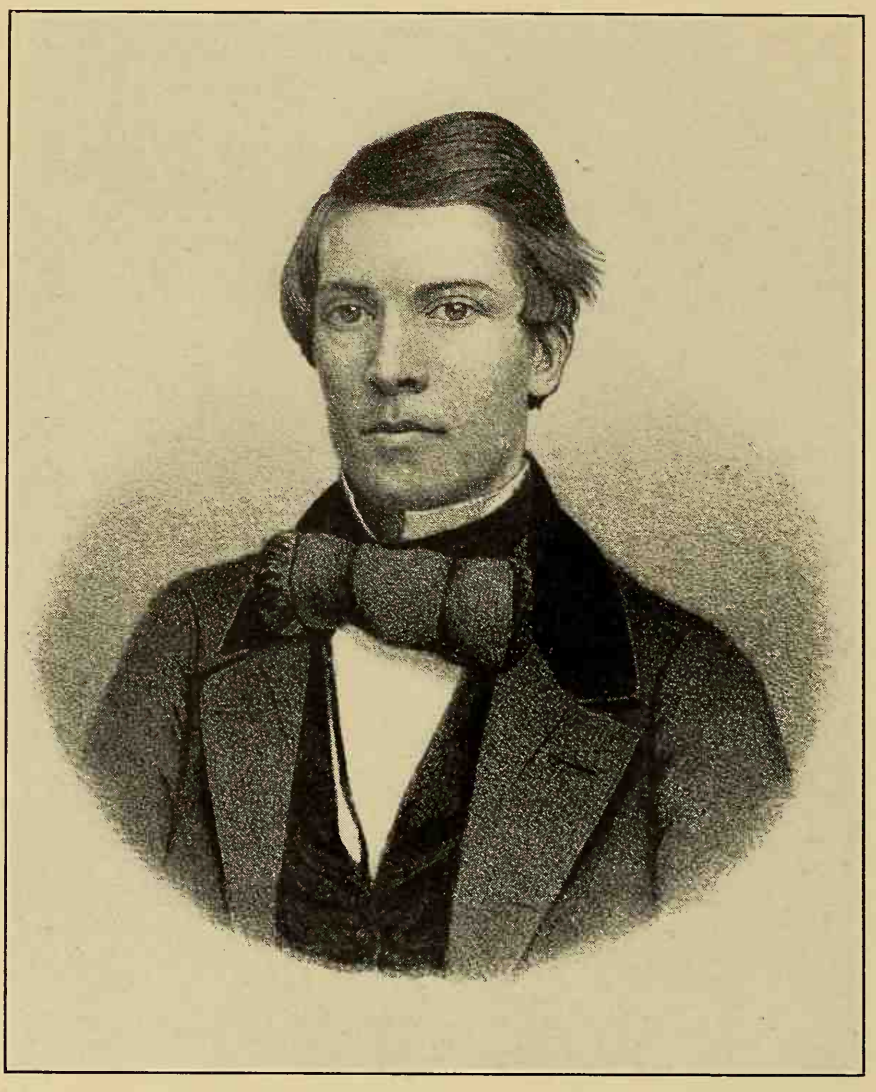
THE RIGHT REV. GEORGE FRANKLIN SEYMOUR (1829-1906)

Graduated from Columbia College, 1850; D.D., Racine College; LL.D., Columbia University; D.C.L., University of the South (Sewanee, Tenn.). Founder and First Warden of St. Stephen's College, Annandale, Dutchess Co., N. Y.; Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the General Theological Seminary, New York City; Dean of the same; consecrated first Bishop of Springfield, Illinois, 11 June 1878.

The author once asked the Rt. Rev. John Williams, 4th Bishop of Connecticut, to define a "high churchman." The instant reply was: "A high churchman, sir, is one who thinks highly of the church." The author was amused at this characteristic reply of Bishop Williams, but was not greatly informed.

From a photograph furnished by Bishop Seymour's successor in the Diocese of Springfield, the Rt. Rev. John Chanler White.



HON. HENRY WILLIAM SEYMOUR (1834-1906)

Williams College, 1855; great-grandson of Major Moses Seymour of Litchfield, a prominent manufacturer; member of both houses of the Michigan Legislature; Member of Congress, 1887-1889.

From a photograph taken as a young man, probably when he was a student at Williams College; furnished by his daughter, Mrs. Wiley of Detroit.

The author became acquainted with him soon after he went to Washington to live in 1878, and corresponded with him almost until the time of his death. Mr. Seymour travelled extensively and spent much time and effort attempting to locate the origin of the American Seymour family, employing genealogists in England and instituting inquiries there in person, but was unfortunately misled by the alleged "Seymour Bible." He was a man of high character and attractive personality. A picture of him in middle life appears on the opposite page.

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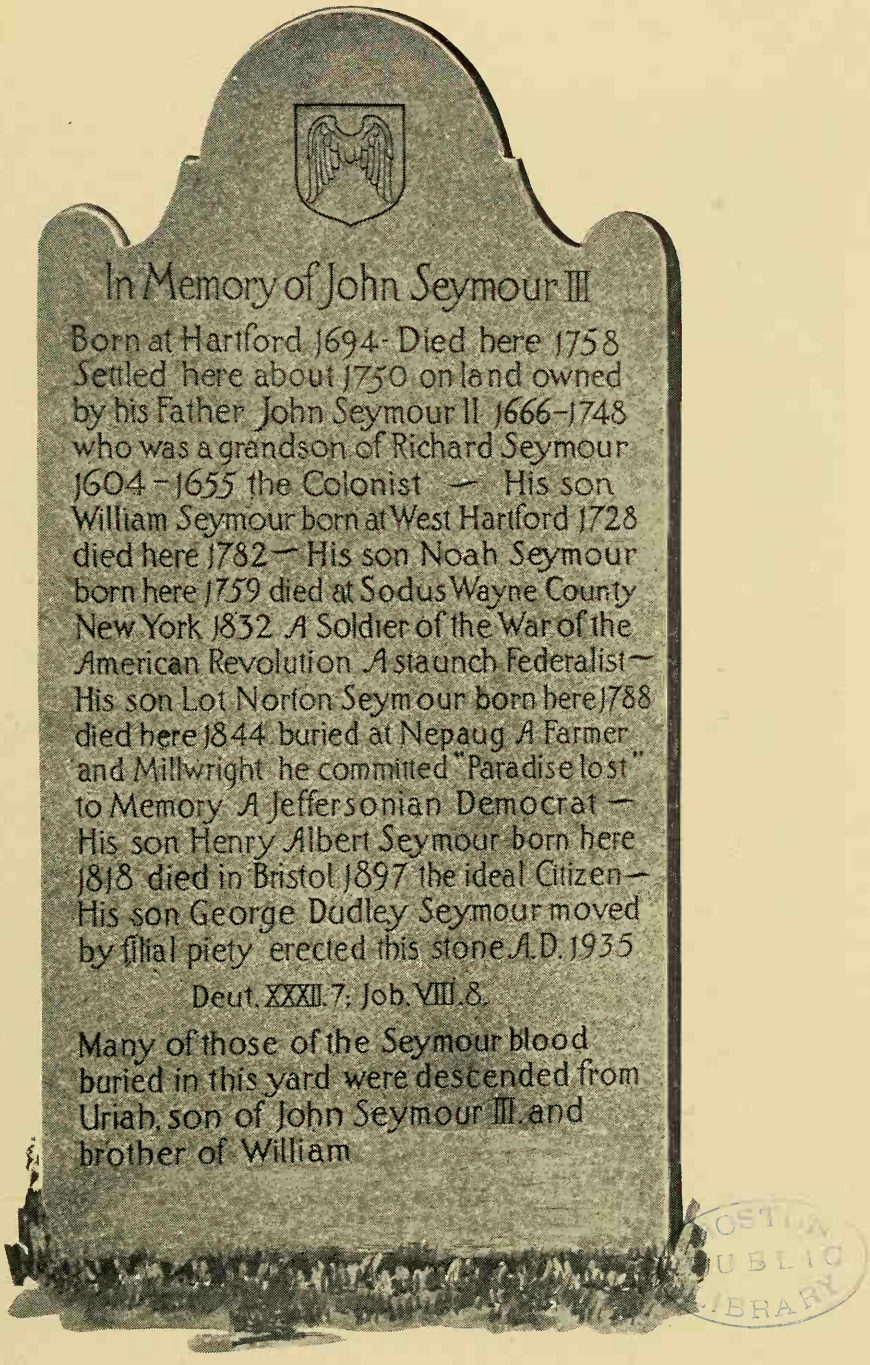
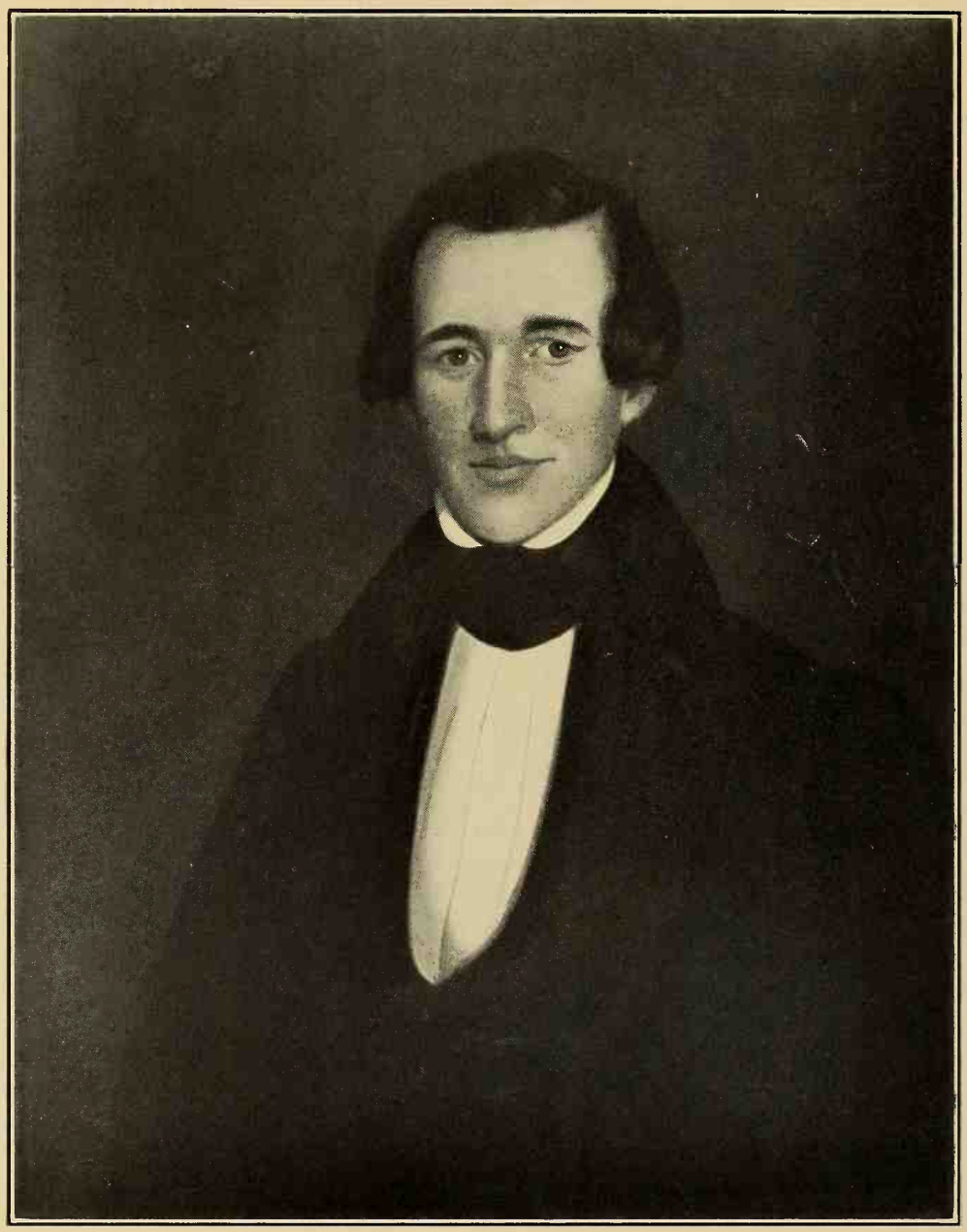
RICHARD SEYMOUR JACKSON (1910-) OF NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Namesake of Richard Seymour, the Colonist, from whom he descends in the tenth generation. Prepared for college at the Taft School; B.A., Yale, 1934. On the staff of the *New Haven Evening Register*, a newspaper of which his father, John Day Jackson, is proprietor and editor.



HEADSTONE IN NEW HARTFORD TO JOHN SEYMOUR, 3RD (1694-1758)

Erected (1935) by the author to his first New Hartford ancestor, in the Town Hill Burying Ground, New Hartford, among the numerous memorials to the Seymours in the ancient yard. The author well remembers, as stated in his introduction to this volume, searching when he was a boy with his honored father in that old Burying Ground for some memorial to John Seymour, 3rd, but none could be found. Miss Talcott thought that a tombstone may have been erected to his memory, considering his importance among the early settlers of New Hartford, but that it had disappeared in the lapse of the years. The author doubts if John Seymour, 3rd, ever had a headstone. There are few headstones in the yard as early as 1758 when he died, and at that period New Hartford was a remote pioneer settlement.



HENRY ALBERT SEYMOUR (1818-1897)

The author's father, painted (on a panel) in New Hartford not long before his marriage in 1844; artist unknown. The author's mother was painted at about the same time on canvas but as a companion picture, the artist also unknown. Both pictures are in the author's possession in his New Haven house.

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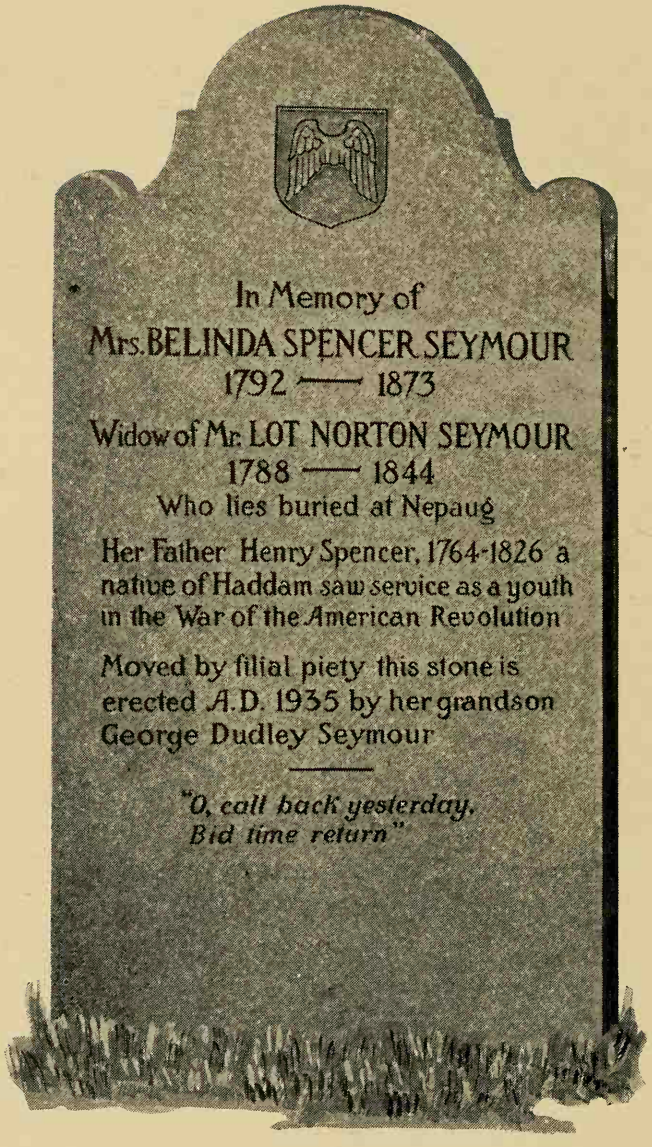
ELECTA CHURCHILL (1818-1873)

The author's mother, painted (on canvas) in New Hartford shortly before her marriage in 1844. The artist is unknown. The portrait, and the companion picture of the author's father are in the author's possession in his New Haven house.



HEADSTONE TO BELINDA (SPENCER) SEYMOUR (1792-1873)

Erected (1935) in the North Side Cemetery, New Hartford, by the author, to the memory of his grandmother, Belinda (Spencer) Seymour, in front of the conventional brownstone "family monument" which she had put up many years before. He thought that so highly individualized a person as his Grandmother Seymour should have a memorial of her very own. At that, he forgot to state, in writing the inscription, that her father, Henry Spencer, was buried in the old graveyard on Town Hill.

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BELINDA (SPENCER) SEYMOUR (1792-1873)

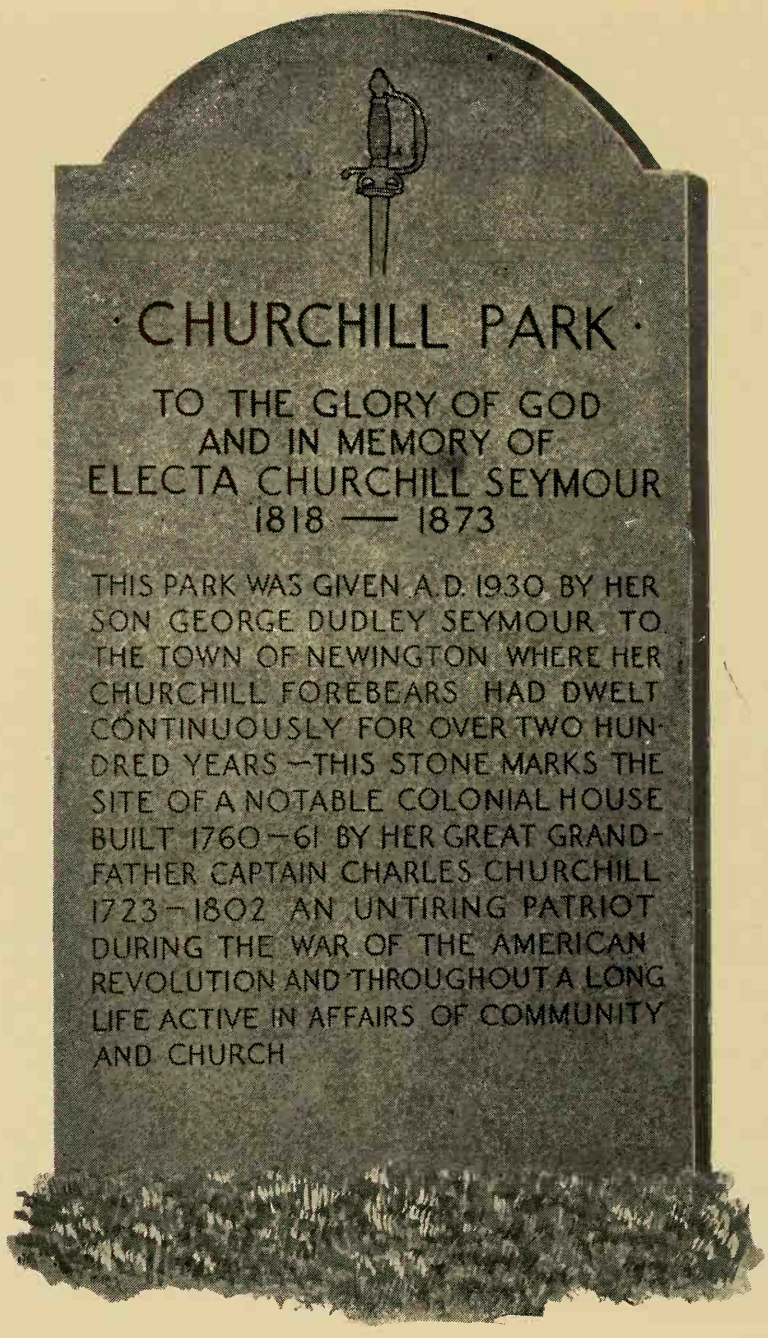
Widow of Lot Norton Seymour (1788-1844) of New Hartford, the author's paternal grandmother, a woman remarkable for her intelligence, self-reliance, high spirit and keen interest in public affairs. The family tradition is that she spoke to her gentle and pious husband with some asperity for committing Milton's "Paradise Lost" to memory, to the detriment of his farm and stone grist mill. Her mother, Eunice Alling, of the New Haven family of that name, boasted that she had over thirty-six feet of sons. From a portrait in the author's possession.

HENRY ALBERT SEYMOUR (1818-1897)

A leading citizen of Bristol, Conn., from the time he took up his residence there in 1846 or 1847; a descendant of Richard Seymour, the Colonist, in line of his son, John. From a photograph taken in his home in Prospect Place, Bristol, sitting in his favorite chair, reading the Hartford Courant, which was his gospel for a lifetime. The author, who spent many week-ends at home, secured a camera in New Haven for the purpose of taking a photograph of his father and knew no better than to point the camera at the light, but happily secured wonderful results,—a characteristic likeness of his father, in familiar surroundings. The photograph was taken in the late Eighties.

HENRY ALBERT SEYMOUR (1818-1897) OF BRISTOL AND ELECTA CHURCHILL (1818-1873), HIS WIFE

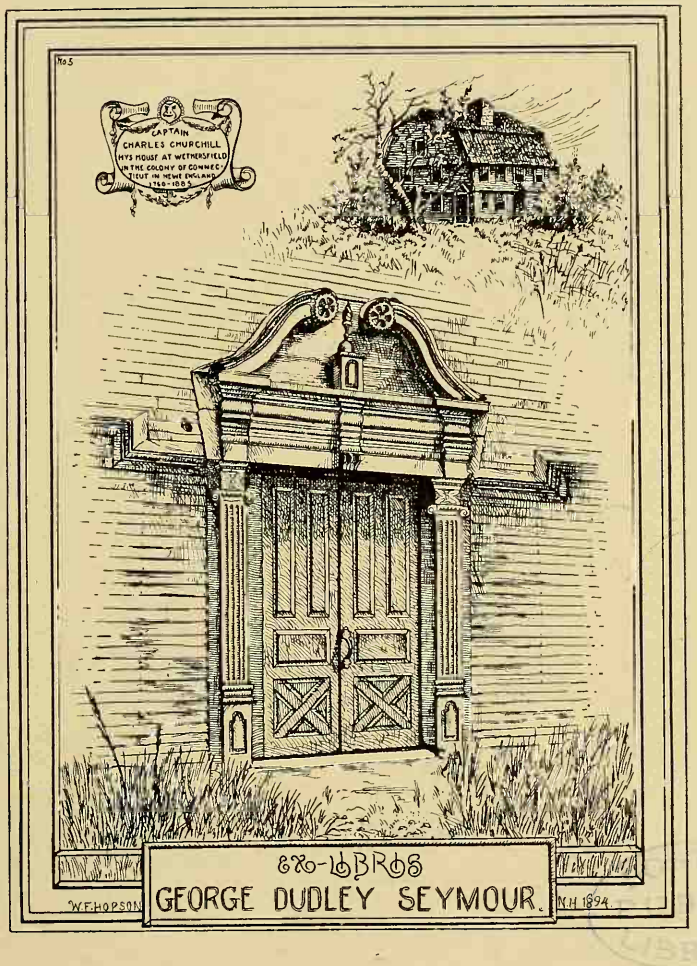
The author's father and mother. He was born at New Hartford Jan. 22, 1818; died at Bristol Apr. 6, 1897. She was born at New Hartford Apr. 5, 1818 and died at Bristol Dec. 10, 1873. They were married at Bristol July 28, 1844 at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lora Waters, by the Rev. R. H. Seely. From a daguerreotype of about 1860. A particularly fine likeness of the author's mother. Her black velvet bonnet trimmed in front with pink roses was cut up, alas, before the author realized what a choice addition it would have been to his collection of costumes at the Birth Place. He remembers hearing as a boy that his father's satin waistcoat was made for his wedding by "Prince" Saunders of Hartford.



MEMORIAL ERECTED BY THE AUTHOR IN CHURCHILL PARK, NEWINGTON, TO THE MEMORY OF HIS MOTHER, ELECTA (CHURCHILL) SEYMOUR

Erected by the author in memory of his mother, Electa (Churchill) Seymour, in Churchill Park, Newington.

The stone stands at the very threshold of the mansion built *circa* 1761 by her great-grandfather, Captain Charles Churchill (1723-1802), whose forbears had long occupied the land. The house, which was demolished, was one of the most admired of all the houses in the Connecticut Colony. The Park was presented to the Town by the author in 1930.



THE AUTHOR'S BOOKPLATE SHOWING THE HOMESTEAD OF HIS MOTHER'S FAMILY

This bookplate is inserted to show the house built (1761-2) in Newington Parish, Wethersfield, by his mother's great-grandfather, Captain Charles Churchill (1723-1802), on land inherited by his father, Ensign Samuel Churchill (1688-1767), who had it from his father, Sergeant Joseph Churchill (1649-1699), son of Josiah Churchill of Wethersfield, the Colonist. The house stood on that part of the original farm which the author presented (A. D. 1930) to the Town of Newington as a memorial to his mother and her family. The monument (see cut) which the author erected, stands to-day close to the spot once occupied by the beautiful doorway of the mansion. The bookplate, designed entirely by the author, was etched by the author's friend, the late William F. Hopson, in 1894.

LAURA ELECTA SEYMOUR (1846-1922)

Eldest daughter of Henry Albert and Electa (Churchill) Seymour, of Bristol, born at New Hartford Apr. 5, 1846. She spent most of her life in Bristol, where she died June 22, 1922.

She was the eldest of three sisters who, spending their lives in Bristol, gave,

it may be thought, more tone to its society, which they enriched by their high breeding, their cultivation and their Christian principles, than any three women who ever lived in it. From a photograph taken in 1897 by George C. Cox, of New York. The author inserts this picture with misgivings. A niece to whom he showed a proof of the cut instantly remarked "Uncle George, you know Aunt Laura wouldn't like that—would not like to appear in any book." But the author can't spare her from his gallery of Seymour portraits, and she appears in it with her two sisters, Mary and Grace.

MISS LAURA E. SEYMOUR

Miss Laura E. Seymour, a lifelong resident of Bristol, died Wednesday evening, June 22 (1922), at her home No. 37 Prospect Place after an illness of about seven months though she has been in failing health for the last two years.

Miss Seymour was the eldest daughter of the late Henry Albert and Electa (Churchill) Seymour and was born in New Hartford, Connecticut, April 5, 1846, removing to Bristol when a few months old. She attended the Bristol schools and then spent a year at Mr. J. W. J. Curtis' Boarding and Day School in Hartford, where she had a remarkable teacher in the late Mrs. Virginia Hubbard Curtis.

Miss Seymour taught school for a season in East Orange, New Jersey, and returned to Bristol in December 1873 on the death of her mother, when she took charge of her father's household. Since then she has lived continuously in Bristol except for three trips abroad and several winters spent in Florida with her father.

Miss Seymour from her earliest girlhood was a constant reader of the best books and had a cultivated and discriminating literary taste. She took a keen interest in public affairs though never in a public way, for she had an exceedingly retiring disposition. Though she mingled very little in society, for which she did not care, she was a woman of strong friendships and held those formed in her girlhood to the end of her life. In her later years when afflicted with deafness, she took great interest in the study of flowers and bird life. A woman of a few words, she was very careful and charitable in her judgments. She had in a remarkable degree that fine reticence now so rare. In personal appearance and in manner she was of exceptional distinction. (Obituary)

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HENRY ALBERT SEYMOUR, JR. (1846-1921)

Educated at Bristol's graded schools and at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass.; LL.B., Columbian Law School, Washington, D. C. (now George Washington University); member of the bar and much engaged in patent litigation in electrical cases. Removed in 1870 from Bristol to Washington, where he had a long and successful career as a patent lawyer, specializing in electrical cases; an enthusiastic yachtsman. From a photograph as Commodore of the New Haven Yacht Club.

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MARY MARILLA LEGGETT (1853-1914)

Wife of Henry Albert Seymour, Jr., born at Warren, Ohio, 2 April 1853, died at Brookline, Mass., 4 January 1914, only daughter of General Mortimer Dormer and Marilla (Wells) Leggett.

Her brother, Wells Willner, was born June 8, 1847, at Farmington, Ohio, and died May 14, 1891, at Detroit, Michigan. He was graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point on June 15, 1869. When eleven years old he was a drummer boy in the Union Army.

Her brother, Mortimer Marcellus, a young man of exceptional promise, was accidentally killed at Cornell University while being initiated into the Kappa Alpha Fraternity. While blindfolded he fell with two companions from a cliff in Ithaca in or near the grounds of the college. He was buried in Oak Wood Cemetery, Washington, D. C., beside his mother.

Wells and Mortimer Leggett, and their sister, Mary Marilla, were second cousins of the author. It pleases him to mention them in this book though they were not so fortunate as to bear the Seymour name.

MILES LEWIS PECK (1849-)

Miles Lewis Peck, born at Bristol 24th of July, 1849; son of Josiah Tracy and Ellen (Barnard) Peck; married at Bristol October, 1871, Mary Harriet Seymour, second daughter of Henry Albert and Electa (Churchill) Seymour. Mr. Peck was educated in Bristol graded schools, at Williston Academy, and in Germany under the direction of his uncle, Professor Tracy Peck, the eminent Latinist. On returning to Bristol, he soon became the Secretary of the newly incorporated Bristol Savings Bank, of which he is now the President, ultimately succeeding his father-in-law, Henry Albert Seymour, one of the founders of the bank and its first President. Throughout his long career as a business man and citizen, he has been one of the outstanding figures in the life of the community, due to his reputation for ability and integrity. A student and devotee of fine music; and a warm supporter of baseball, the national game.

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MARY HARRIET SEYMOUR (1849-1926)

Second daughter of Henry Albert and Electa (Churchill) Seymour; married Oct. 18, 1871, to Miles Lewis Peck of Bristol. A woman remarkable for her high character, nobility, and sweetness of nature; one of three remarkable Seymour sisters. Drawn from a photograph taken in her girlhood.

WILLIAM SHURTLEFF INGRAHAM (1857-1930)

William Shurtleff Ingraham, born at Bristol, 26th of April 1857; died there, 14th of December 1930; son of Edward and Jane Eliza (Beach) Ingraham; married at Bristol, 11th of October 1881, Grace Ella, daughter of Henry Albert and Electa (Churchill) Seymour; educated at secondary schools and at Cornell University; engaged throughout his life as a manufacturer of clocks, a business established by his grandfather, Elias Ingraham; also much engaged in public affairs throughout his life, and an outstanding citizen of the community; traveled extensively in this country and abroad; a devotee of the national game, and a patron of art.

GRACE ELLA (SEYMOUR) INGRAHAM (1856-1925)

Daughter of Henry Albert and Electa (Churchill) Seymour; married at Bristol, Oct. 11, 1881, to William Shurtleff Ingraham. A woman of fine culture and many accomplishments, actively interested in all good works; charitable and social, she was very proud of carrying on the traditions of hospitality of her grandmother Churchill's family, the Wellses of "Ten Rod," Newington. Her brother, the author, may say that she was noted for her beautiful and cultivated speech.

GEORGE DUDLEY SEYMOUR (1859-)

Son of Henry Albert and Electa (Churchill) Seymour. From a photograph by Ludovici, 1883. The author is accustomed to refer to this eminently Victorian photograph of himself, as a young man, shortly after he came to New Haven, as "Man With A Bush."

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A SOUVENIR OF THE AUTHOR'S PUBLIC ACTIVITIES

Scene on the New Haven Green, April 20, 1913, on the occasion of the planting of oaks in memory of Gov. Theophilus Eaton, first governor of the New Haven Colony, and the Rev. John Davenport, co-founder of New Haven in 1638 with Theophilus Eaton. From left to right: the author, former President Taft, Dr. Oscar Edward Maurer, twelfth pastor of the First Church in line from the Rev. John Davenport, and William Whitman Farnam, sometime president of the New Haven Park Commission.

The name Seymour was one to conjure with after the war in the south, as more than one experience of the author showed. Despite the lapse of years, I remember an incident of the Christmas Holidays in 1883 which I spent in Richmond as the guest of the father and mother of a law-school friend of mine in Washington, himself a Virginian of the old stock. Major Gregory, my host, took me one day to call upon Governor Fitzhugh Lee (a nephew of General Robert E. Lee) in the Executive Chamber of the old Capitol building in Richmond. The mention of the name Seymour when I was introduced to the Governor, brought the Governor to his feet, so to speak. He asked me at once about Governor Seymour of New York. I told him that Governor Seymour belonged to the Connecticut family, but I did not know him personally, nor did my father. "But you are of the same stock," said Governor Lee: and I replied, "Yes, we had the same common ancestor." Whereupon the Governor said, "Here in Virginia we have a saying 'that the seventh cousin may not testify,' and if you are of the same family as Governor Seymour of New York that is enough for me." Later on I had a corresponding experience at the hands of an old Confederate in Maryland, and I had no doubt that my name had much to do with the cordiality with which I was received by a group of Southern friends in Washington.

Major Thomas Y. Seymour, who was really the originator of the company [Governor's Horse Guard], was a gentleman by birth and education, a gallant soldier of the Revolutionary War. He had studied military science in France. He married for his first wife a daughter of Colonel Ledyard, the chief victim of the Groton massacre. He had command of a light horse company in the Continental army, and was an aide of the staff of General Arnold at the battle of Saratoga. He appears in Trumbull's painting of the battle. General Burgoyne presented him his pistols and horse-equipments, which he afterwards used while in command of the Horse Guard. He was an uncle of Governor Thomas H. Seymour.—*Memorial History of Hartford County, Connecticut*, Volume I. Page 193.

GOVERNOR THOMAS H. SEYMOUR

He was elected Governor in 1850, 51, 52, and 53. "In 1852 he was presidential elector. In 1853 President Pierce appointed him United States Minister to Russia, and resigning the Governorship he filled the office for four years. He formed a warm personal friendship for both the Czar Nicholas and his son (Alexander II), and received from them many costly tokens of their regard. After nearly a year of European travel, he returned to the United States in 1859. When the Civil War began, his sympathies were largely with the South, and he continued his opposition to the war until its close as the leader of the Connecticut Peace Democrats. In 1862 the State Senate voted that his portrait with that of Isaac Toucey should be removed from the Chamber till the Controller could be satisfied of his loyalty."—(*Appletons Cyclopedia of American Biography.*)

"THE UNION I DESIRE IS A UNION OF HEARTS AND OF HANDS, SUCH AS OUR FATHERS GAVE US"

Among his papers the author finds a small, time-stained, engraved portrait of Governor "Tom" Seymour. Under a facsimile reproduction of his signature occur the above lines. In answer to an inquiry regarding this engraving Mr. Harlow of the Connecticut Historical Society writes: "In regard to the sentiment expressed below Governor Seymour's signature, I find the *Hartford Daily Times*, Feb. 25, 1863, page 2, has an editorial reprinted from the *New York World*, excerpts of which I quote: "Nowhere and at no time has Colonel Seymour favored the notion of 'letting the South go.' On the contrary in a speech of his printed in the *World* recently he said: 'I am for getting back the Southern States by fa(i)r and honorable means if such a thing be possible; and I hope for the best. . . . The union I desire is a union of hearts and of hands, such as our fathers gave us.' "

"The union of hearts, the union of hands," is apparently a quotation from "The Flag of our Union," a poem by George Pope Morris (1802-1864).

It would appear from the foregoing that, though Governor "Tom" was the leader of the Peace Democrats in Connecticut, he was by no means a Secessionist.

At the bottom of the engraving occurs the following line, "Engraved expressly for the Old Guard." The reference, of course, is to the Governor's Horse Guard of which Governor "Tom's" father, Major Henry Seymour, was one of the early commanders. His uncle, Captain Thomas Youngs Seymour, the "Beau Sabreur" of Saratoga, was its founder and its second commander.

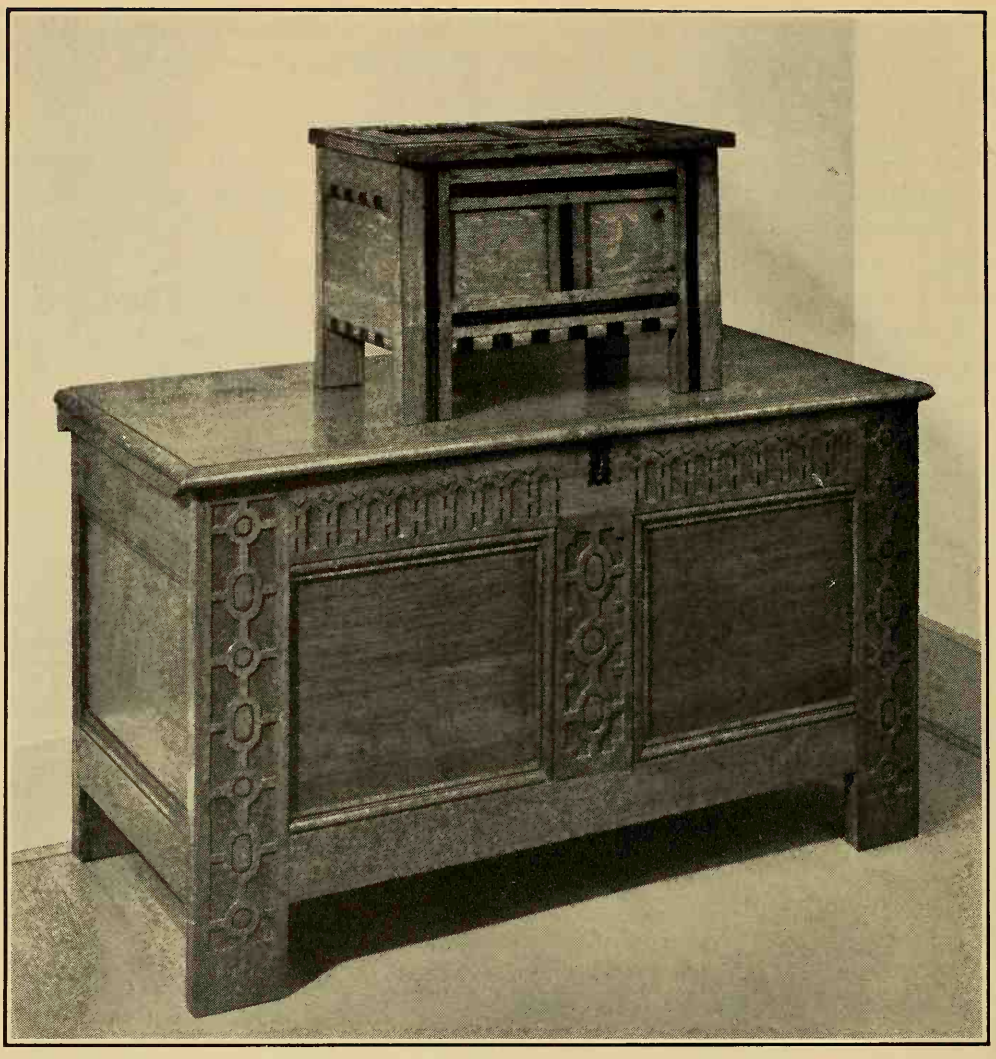
THERE'S THE HUMOR OF IT

With a Caption supplied by Shakespeare

The author feels that no apology is required for filling this otherwise vacant space with the following quotation which seems to him not out of place in this history of a family destined to be so prominent, even illustrious, in the annals of American families of the old stock.

Scorn not the nobly born
  With love affected,
Nor treat with virtuous scorn
  The well connected.
High rank involves no shame,
We boast an equal claim
With him of humble name
  To be respected.

—*"Iolanthe"*



TWO SEVENTEENTH CENTURY CHESTS OF NEW ENGLAND ORIGIN

This illustration of two old oak chests may be thought to be a far cry from the History of the Seymour Family. Be that as it may, the author has been a collector of New England oak for considerably over half a century, and is proud to have had for his preceptor, Dr. Irving W. Lyon of Hartford, whose volume "Colonial Furniture of New England" remains the classic. It was Dr. Lyon who urged the author to collect old New England oak furniture in particular. But the author's primary object in using this illustration was to discharge an obligation (his honored father enjoined him to make that a controlling principle of his life) to Professor Arthur Bliss Seymour through whose offices he secured the small chest shown in the illustration, from Granville, Massachusetts, whither Professor Seymour's family moved from Hartford about 1790. The author cannot claim, however, a Seymour history for this child's chest in the absence of his correspondence with Professor Seymour many years ago. The chest, however, is of great interest to all collectors of New England oak on account of its small size, its paneled oak lid, its classic decorative motives, and the curious charred spots along the edge of the front rail of the

lid. The author's friend Norman M. Isham (fellow-member of the illustrious Walpole Society), a high authority, says these spots were made by rushlights which flickered out over two centuries ago.

The author's school friend, Dr. Irving P. Lyon, son of his old preceptor, tells him that the larger chest exhibits motives and one structural feature that strongly suggest the work of Thomas Dennis, of Ipswich, Massachusetts, that incomparable master-joiner of seventeenth century New England. The author learned that this chest was sold at auction in Antrim, New Hampshire, among the effects of Josiah Herrick, who removed from Boxford, Mass., to Antrim in 1807 and who died there in 1853 at the age of ninety-two. The author secured this chest in 1904 through the good offices of Miss Alice Longfellow, daughter of the poet.

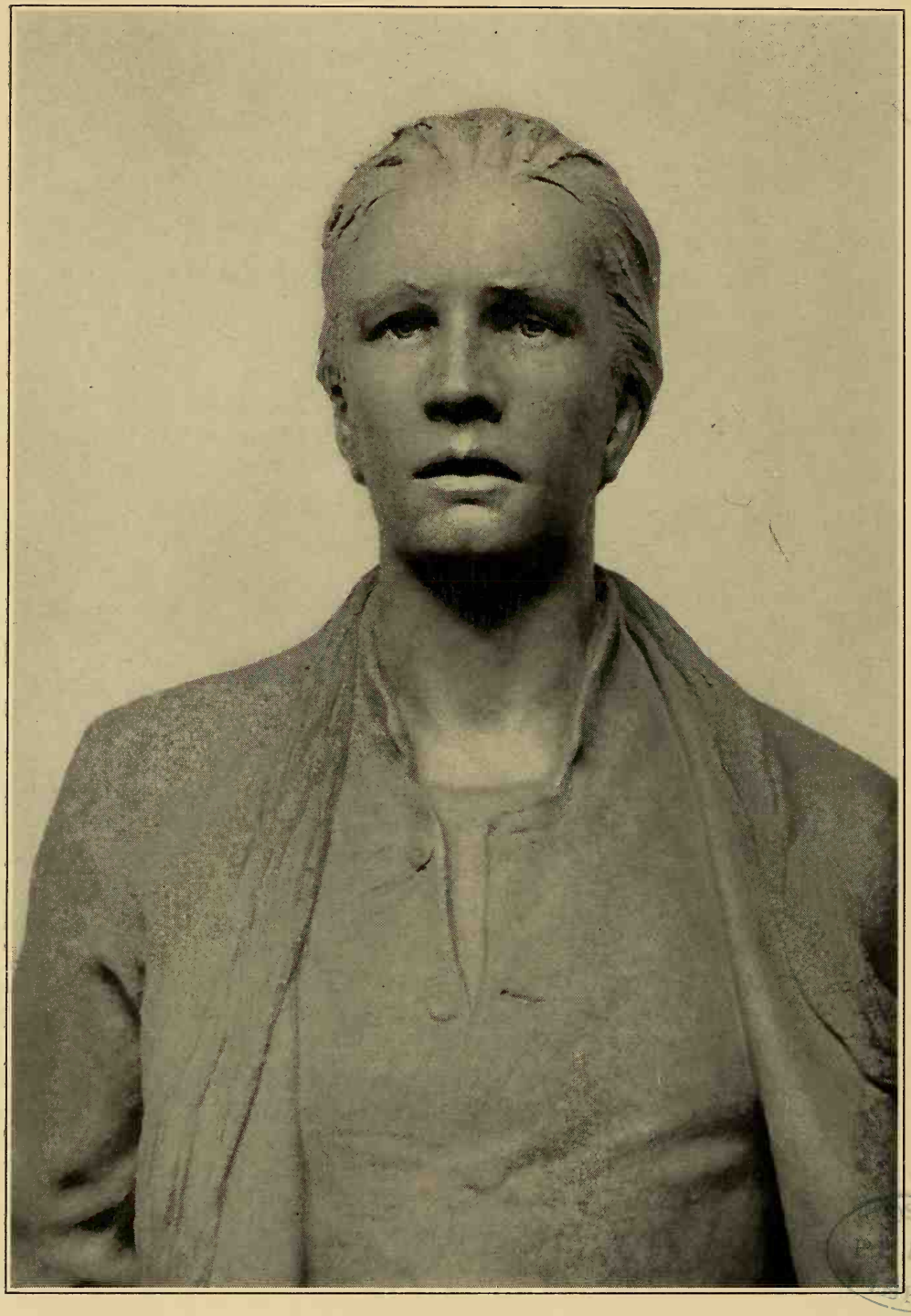
The child's chest has stood on the lid of the larger chest in the author's dining room for many, many years, and he was reluctant to separate them for illustrating the smaller chest which has qualified as an illustration in this book on account of its Seymour connection.

Dr. Lyon is of the opinion that both chests may be dated between 1670 and 1690.

Jane Bonner's mother (Governor Tom's great-great-great-grandmother) had a carnal fondness for finery and loved to walk in "silk attire" as we are assured by Jane's dress in her portrait, illustrated herein, and by the following advertisement inserted in the *Boston News-Letter* of March 5-12, 1710/11, by Captain John Bonner, her father:

"Stolen or carried privately away out of the house of Capt. John Bonner in Cow Lane, near Fort Hill, Boston, sometime before the late Sickness of his late Wife, or about the time of her decease, which was the Month of January last: the following Particulars, viz.: Of his Wife's Wearing apparel three silk Gowns, one changable colour, a second flowr'd and the third stript; Three other Gowns, one where of a double gown, one side silk stuff the other russel, a second double Gown of silk-stuff and Petticoat of the same, the third a black Crape Gown and Petticoat of the same; Four other Petticoats, one changable colour'd silk, a second black flowr'd silk, a third plain black silk, the fourth a flowr'd Sarge, one Lutstring Hood and Scarff, three laced Headdresses and one plain, three laced Caps, two laced Handkerchiefs, three under Caps laced, three white Aprons, three pair of laced Sleves, two white Muslin Hoods, one Amber Necklace, one Muff . . . ."

(Excerpt from "Every Day Life in the Massachusetts Bay Colony," by George Francis Dow, 1935, p. 68.)



NATHAN HALE

From the Design in Clay for the Statue by Bela Lyon Pratt on the Old Campus of Yale University.

THE HALE FEDERAL STAMP (1925-1938)

The author likes to think that he did an almost national service in inducing Postmaster-General New to place a head of Nathan Hale upon the familiar half-cent Federal stamp of which almost three billion (2,807,117,453) were issued. The author cannot refrain from telling the story of the stamp in this book. The idea came to him like a flash during a sleepless night on a Pullman sleeper on his return from Washington after a business trip. Forthwith he wrote to President Harding, from whom he received a patriotic but non-committal reply. Later on, at the suggestion of Mr. Taft, he wrote to President Coolidge, whose reply equally patriotic but not more helpful, suggested that the matter might be taken up with the Postmaster-General. Undaunted, the author made a personal appeal to the Postmaster-General who was sympathetic but hardly encouraging; it apparently was a new thing to receive a suppliant who did not want a postmastership, but the favor of a Federal stamp for a national hero. The bombardment of the Postmaster-General went on for many months until, at length, Congress authorized the issuance of a half-cent stamp which was just what the author desired—publicity for Hale. Upon the passage of this legislation, the Postmaster-General at once wrote the author:

Office of the Postmaster General,
Washington, D. C.
March 10, 1925.

My dear Mr. Seymour:

I hope I am about to make you happy. You may not be aware of the fact that the recently enacted postal pay and rate bill created a condition which seems to make it necessary for the department to issue a new stamp of one-half cent denomination. Requests for such an issue have been coming in for the last few days, and I am satisfied the demand for such a stamp will be widespread and permanent. Anticipating this I had the Bureau of Engraving and Printing make two designs for me which I am sending for your information and inspection.

My choice goes instantly to the one showing merely the face. To me it is a perfectly marvelous countenance. If that face doesn't carry on it the stamp of nobility, I am no judge of physiognomy. I feel almost as much personal interest in this matter as you do, and I see a way to get what we want without any reference to Sesqui-Centennials or anyone else for I have authority to place this order myself. . . . . .

Very truly yours,
(Signed) HARRY S. NEW,
Postmaster General.

The stamp, which was first issued to the public on April 26, 1925, was designed from the above print from Bela Lyon Pratt's Hale for which he made the sketch model in 1898. The stamp proved to be very useful as well as popular, as the above figures testify, and fulfilled its purpose of assisting the author to put "Hale on the map." The author never ceased to thank Postmaster-General New for his forbearance and his help.

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THE BIRTH PLACE

The author's summer home, the birthplace of Nathan Hale, among the hills of Tolland County easterly beyond the River. The inner portion of the Ell is a part of the original house in which Hale was born, built by his father, Deacon Richard Hale, about 1746. The main house or mansion as it has been called for a century, was built by his father in 1776, when Nathan was at the front. A substantial structure of the central hallway, two-chimney type, it has remarkable corbelled chimney piers, seven fireplaces, handsome panelling in the fireplace ends of the rooms on the first floor. The author bought the abandoned and desolate house in 1914, carefully restored and filled it with furnishings largely of the Colonial Period and with pictures and memorabilia of Hale and his friends. Mr. Taft, after visiting the place, wrote, "Well worth the devotion of a lifetime."

"THE GREEN CLOAK"

PORTRAIT OF THE AUTHOR, PAINTED IN 1925 BY CECILIA BEAUX.

When Julian Alden Weir, the artist, brought his friend, John Singer Sargent, and others to the Birth Place to see the historic home of Nathan Hale, for their entertainment the author donned an ancient linsey-woolsey riding cloak found long ago in a garret in Nut Plain, Guilford. This soft green cloak with its cape and deep blue velvet collar was much admired by the two artists. Later when he showed the cloak to Miss Beaux, she insisted on having the author wear it when sitting for his portrait.

When the author was calling upon Frank Millet, the artist, in his Georgetown studio, the author described to him his green cloak. Millet had made a study in particular of military costumes such as were worn during the War of the American Revolution and declared that the cloak described was such as worn by mounted officers. This conversation led to the subject of horsemanship. He remembers remarking in jest to Millet that the difference between the horsemanship of Colonel Roosevelt and his own horsemanship was that the Colonel had the reality of a seat without the appearance of it, whereas the author had the appearance of a seat without the reality of it. Whereupon Millet, greatly amused, remarked that it had been his lifelong ambition to paint an equestrian portrait, and that all that was required was the *appearance* of a seat and a horse. The author said that at the Birth Place he could supply a big barn for a studio and a horse, and Millet said that if the author would furnish the canvas and the paint, he would come to the Birth Place and paint the author's portrait on Thomas Hooker Bones, his veteran army horse. Soon after this conversation, Millet went abroad and coming home went down on the ill-fated *Titanic*.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX I

BIBLIOGRAPHY, SEYMOUR FAMILY

The titles which follow by no means cover all that has appeared in print concerning the American Seymours, but those regarded as the most important have been selected. One of the chief reasons for presenting the list is to assure the reader that the author and editor have not neglected previous accounts, and that where their account or conclusions differ from some of those hitherto put forward, such differences are not attributable to ignorance of the assertions made by other writers.

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APPENDIX II

THE SEYMOUR COMMITTEE OF 1903

In an effort to forward the production of a History of the family based on the material collected by Miss Mary Kingsbury Talcott, a meeting was held at the home of the late Professor Thomas Day Seymour in New Haven, some time in 1903, and the following committee was appointed. No report was made by this committee, and nothing was accomplished as a result of the meeting, so far as the author is aware.

Rt. Rev. George F. Seymour, D.D., LL.D., Springfield, Ill.
Rev. Storrs O. Seymour, D.D., Litchfield, Conn.
Hon. Horatio Seymour, Utica, N. Y.
Hon. Charles F. Brooker, Ansonia, Conn.
Hon. John S. Seymour, New York City.
Hon. Charles Seymour, Knoxville, Tenn.
Mr. George Dudley Seymour, New Haven, Conn.
Mrs. Charles H. Pinney, Derby, Conn.
Mrs. Louis Cheney, Hartford, Conn.
Mrs. Sylvester, Washington, D. C.
Mrs. Margaret Jackson, New York City.
Miss Blandena Miller, Utica, N. Y.
Professor Thomas Day Seymour, LL.D., New Haven, Conn.
Rev. Samuel Hart, D.D., Middletown, Conn.
Hon. Julius Seymour, New York City.
Hon. Joseph G. Darlington, Philadelphia, Penn.
Hon. William O. Seymour, Ridgefield, Conn.
Mr. Samuel Seymour, Pittsburgh, Penn.
Mr. Charles L. N. Camp, New Haven, Conn.
Mrs. Charles S. Fairchild, New York City.
Mrs. Frederick K. Stanley, New Britain, Conn.
Mrs. Emily Mansfield Ferry, Chicago, Ill.
Miss Katherine Seymour Day, New York City.

Morris Woodruff Seymour, Chairman.

APPENDIX III

REGISTERS OF SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND

Because of their importance, we reprint the Seymour and allied entries from the Parish Registers of Sawbridgeworth, co. Herts, and from two or three neighboring parishes. Further evidences will be found in the article communicated by the author to *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* and published therein in April 1917.

Attention is directed to the spelling *Seymer,* which was used almost uniformly in the Sawbridgeworth Registers from the earliest entry for a period of over forty years. This was the spelling of the surname favored by the branch of the Seymour family domiciled in Dorsetshire, a branch from which came Richard Seymer, Chaplain of the Popham Colony (see Appendix IV). The spellings *Seamer* and *Semer* seem therefore to have been corruptions which came into use only with the generation of Richard Seymour, the Colonist, and cannot justly be cited as an indication that the Sawbridgeworth family derived its surname from a trade or a place-name.

It is unfortunate, as the author now views it, that in the title of the *Register* article of 1917 in which the Colonist's origin was for the first time disclosed, his name appeared as "Richard Seamer or Semer," thus implicitly suggesting that these were the original or the earliest known forms of the surname of the Colonist. It is all the more unfortunate because the Dictionary of American Biography, in sketches of distinguished descendants of Richard Seymour, has followed these spellings in mentioning the first American settler. Despite the opinion of the late J. Gardner Bartlett, who discovered the Sawbridgeworth entries, the records themselves indicate that *Seymer* was the earliest known spelling.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF SAWBRIDGEWORTH, CO. HERTS*

Baptisms

1562 Annis Seymer daughter of John 6 March [1562/3].
1565 [*The baptisms of this year are missing.*]
1567 Jone Seymer daughter of John 18 October.

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* These registers were searched from their beginning in 1560 to 1650. All Seamer and Ruscoe entries were taken for that period, but no Waller items were taken after 1603.

No Seamer or Ruscoe entries appear in the registers of the eleven following parishes in the vicinity of Sawbridgeworth during the periods for which they have been severally

1570 Mary Seymer 28 October.
1573 "Robert Seymer bapt y^e^ xxxth day of Nouember 1573."
1574 Jone Waller daughter of John 25 March.*
1576 John Seymer 30 September.
1576 John Waller 9 December.†
1577 Annys Waller daughter of John 17 November.*
1578 "Elizabeth Waller was baptized y^e^ xij^th^ of December."†
1579 Mary Waller daughter of John 24 May.*
1579 Dorotey Seymor 6 September.
1581 Margaret Waller 6 August.†
1582 Peter Seymer 11 February [1582/3].
1583 William Waller 1 September.†
1583 William Seymer 9 February [1583/4].
1604 "Richard Seamer y^e^ sonne of Robert Seymer was baptised y^e^ xxvij^th^ day of January" [1604/5].
1632 "Thomas the sonne of Richard & Mercy Seamer was Bapt. July 15."
1634 "Mary the daughter of Richard Semer was Bapt. January 9" [1634/5].
1635 Edward son of Nathaniel Seamer 16 April.
1636 "Mercy the daughter of Richard Semer was Bapt. July 8."
1637 Roger son of John Ruscoe 16 April.

Marriages

1560 John Seymer and Jone Androw 11 November.
1562 John Seymer and Dyzory Porter 9 May.
1572 John Waller and Ellyn Boram 7 September.
1575 John Waller and Elizabeth Bayford 11 September.
1583 William Waller and Jone Sheperdman 26 November.
1584 Thomas Waller and Angell Canton 11 November.
1603 "Robert Seymer and Elizabeth Waller wer married y^e^ xiv of November."
1631 "Richard Seamer and Mercy Ruscoe ware maried the 18 Aprill."

Burials

1561 "Jone Seymer was buryed y^e^ thirde day of October."
1587 William son of John Seymer 22 August.
1593 John Waller 17 April.
1605 "John Seymer y^e^ elder was buryed y^e^ xxiij^th^ day of October."
1634 "The widdow Ruscoe being about the age of 80 yeares was Buryed August 5."
1635 "Mary the daughter of Richard Semer was Buryed Aprill 3."
1635 Edward son of Nathaniell Semer 11 August.
1637 "Robert Semer was Buryed August 23."

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examined, viz.: Bishops-Stortford, 1561-1650, Eastwick, 1555-1645, Much Hadham, 1559-1645, Little Hadham, 1559-1645, Hunsdon, 1546-1645, Thorley, 1539-1645, and Widford, 1562-1645, all in co. Herts; and Farnham, 1558-1645, Great Hallingbury, 1538-1645, Manuden, 1561-1645, and Stansted-Montfichet, 1558-1645, all in co. Essex. The early registers of Birchanger, Little Hallingbury, Hatfield-Broad-Oak, and Harlow, all in co. Essex, are lost.

* Other records prove that this infant was a child of John and Ellyn (Boram) Waller.

† Other records prove that this infant was a child of John and Elizabeth (Bayford) Waller.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF WARE, CO. HERTS, 1558-1640

Baptisms

1617 Nathaniel Seamer son of John 19 October.
1639 Edward Seamer son of Zacharias & Phebe 29 October.

Marriages

1616 John Seamer and Frauncis Deardes 5 February [1616/17].
1637 Zacharias Semer and Febe Bennett 13 November.

Burial

1617 Nathaniell Seamer 6 February [1617/18].

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF GILSTON, CO. HERTS, 1558-1650

1639 Humfrey Browne and Elizabeth Seamer married by licence 5 September.

FROM MARRIAGE LICENCES GRANTED BY THE BISHOP OF LONDON

1569 John Semer and Matthea Walker, spinster, of South Hanningfield, 22 August.
1589 William Compton, scrivener, and Ellen Waller, widow, of Sabridgeford, co. Essex [*sic*], relict of John Waller, of same, weaver, 26 August.
1604 Richard Seamer, of Ramsden Belhouse, co. Essex, carpenter, and Margaret Lylbourne, of Downham, said county, spinster, daughter of Henry Lylbourne, of Mourton, said county, husbandman; at Mourton aforesaid, 24 January [1604/5].

APPENDIX IV

RICHARD SEYMER OF THE POPHAM COLONY

The First English Preacher in New England

This paper, in slightly different form, was published in *The New England Quarterly*, June 1938, vol. 11, pp. 367-372.

On 10 April 1606, King James I granted a charter for the continent of North America, which provided for a home Council of Virginia, with two companies, one of North, the other of South, Virginia, Sir John Popham, Chief Justice of England under Queen Elizabeth, became the patron of the company; his son, Sir Francis Popham, was appointed one of the Council of Virginia, and his brother, George Popham, became commander of the expedition which sailed from Plymouth, 31 May 1607, to colonize the northern part of Virginia, later known as New England.

William Strachey was the historian of this expedition. His "History of Travaile into Virginia Britannia" was written about 1618, and was published in 1852 in the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society (4th Series, vol. 1, pp. 240 *et seq.*). His account in brief was as follows:

The two ships, *Gift of God* and *Mary and John,* bearing 120 persons, came to anchor under an island on the coast of Maine, 31 July, exactly two months after leaving the home port. After exploring the coast and islands, the expedition landed on an island, which they called St. George, 9 August 1607, where they heard a sermon, delivered unto them by their preacher, and so returned aboard again. Shortly after, they anchored in the Sagadahoc (Kennebec) River, and on 18 August they all went ashore and chose a place for their plantation. The next day, they assembled at the selected site, where they had a sermon delivered unto them by their preacher, and after the sermon, the President's commission was read, with the patent, and the laws to be observed and kept.

These laws were the constituent code set forth in the seventh section of the charter of 10 April 1606, of which the first two articles read as follows:

1. Each colony may elect associates, and annually elect a President for one year; and assistants or councillors for the same time.

2. The Christian religion shall be preached and observed as established in the realm of England.

In accordance with the first article, according to Strachey's account, "George Popham, gent., was nominated President. Captain Raleigh Gilbert, James Davies, Richard Seymer, Preacher, Captain Richard Davies, Captain Harlowe, were all sworn assistants; and so they returned back again."

In view of the second article of the constituent code, and the social status of the colonists, it cannot be doubted that the religious services conducted by Richard Seymer were in accord with the ritual of the Church of England. This was of course the ritual used at Jamestown in the present Virginia from the first settlement in 1607. It is less generally known that in New England, the old North Virginia, Episcopalian services were conducted also in 1607, thirteen years before the Separatist *Mayflower* passengers landed on Plymouth Rock. Strachey's reference to "publike prayers" would seem to prove that the revised Prayer Book of the reign of James I was used.

It has been generally assumed that Richard Seymer (or Seymour, as most printed authorities spell his name) was an ordained clergyman of the Church of England. In 1862 the Popham Celebration was held, to commemorate the planting of a colony on the west side of the Kennebec River (to use the modern name) in Maine. A paper prepared at that time by Rev. William Stevens Perry of Portland, Maine, argues strongly in favor of the assumption that "Richard Seymour was a Presbyter of the English Church." The Right Rev. Bishop Burgess, in an address delivered on the same occasion, although he thought it likely that Seymour was "a young clergyman just from the university," was less positive in his assertions, and concluded on the note that "Seymour was the first preacher of the Gospel in the English tongue, within the borders of New England." Most of his address was devoted to an exposition of his theory that the preacher was a scion of the British ducal house, the Seymours of Devonshire.

By an odd coincidence, the later Hartford colonist, founder of the historic American house, was also named Richard Seymour. The exhaustive research conducted over a period of years by several searchers to locate the origin of the Hartford colonist has revealed the existence in England of some twenty contemporary Richard Seymours. Hence the argument of Bishop Burgess, in favor of identifying the Popham preacher with the great-grandson of the Lord Pro-

tector, on the ground that "there is no other person of the name known in genealogical history," no longer has weight. Nor can his other arguments, although plausible, be sustained in the face of present knowledge.

Whether Richard Seymer was an ordained clergyman or not, it is very probable, as Bishop Burgess thought, that he was a young university man. Certainly no untutored person would have been chosen even as lay reader by the socially prominent leaders of the Popham Colony, and it must not be forgotten that Seymer was also chosen as one of the five governing Assistants of President Popham, which is indicative of his social status.

It is a fact that no ordained clergyman of the name has been found among all the Richard Seymours of that period. Only one university man of the right age has been found. He was Richard Seymer of Dorset, gent.; Brasenose College, Oxford, matriculated 22 June 1599, aged 15; student of Middle Temple, 1602, when he was described as third son of John Seymer of Handford, Dorset, gent. His eldest brother, Sir Robert, was also an Oxford man, where he matriculated in 1589. [Joseph Foster's "Alumni Oxoniensis," vol. 4, p. 1336.]

Here then was a young college graduate, only twenty-three years of age at the time of the Popham expedition, not yet settled in his career; just the type of man to whom such an adventure would appeal. The younger son of a family of gentle-folk of but moderate affluence, he may well have felt that close association with the brother of the wealthy Chief Justice Popham would mean much to his future career. A devout young man of his background and education would doubtless have been entirely acceptable to Popham and his associates as lay reader during the experimental stage of their colonization project.

It will be noted that Strachey always refers to Seymer as a preacher, never as a minister or clergyman. It was not usual for an ordained clergyman to hold civil office, as Seymer did. For these reasons, and because no Presbyter of the name has been found at that date, it is believed that the Popham chaplain was, strictly speaking, a lay reader.

The Dorsetshire family, following the pronunciation, spelled the name *Seymer,* but their arms indicate that they were a branch of the same family from which the ducal house descended. They are described technically as: Quarterly—1st and 4th Or two wings conjoined in lure Gules on a chief azure three martlets argent. Seymer.

The "Berrry Pomeroy" coat, used by the Dukes of Somerset; 2nd and 3rd Gules two wings conjoined in lure Or. Seymour.

The arrangement is different, and the colors reversed, but both families used the ancient wings of the St. Maurs of Penhow. It was quite common for branches of the same family to differentiate the arms in details while retaining the same basic concepts.

In connection with the arms, it is of interest to observe that Thomas Seymour, eldest son of Richard the Connecticut Colonist, and himself of English birth, sealed his will in 1712 with the Seymour wings. The impression indicates that it was made from an old, worn seal-ring. Since the Seymours or Seymers of Hertfordshire, where the Connecticut family originated, are believed to be more closely affiliated with the Seymers of Dorsetshire than with the Seymours of Devonshire (the ducal house), and since *both* families employed the wings, it is not, we trust, pushing conjecture too far to suggest that Richard the Colonist, ancestor of the American Seymours, may have been a distant cousin of Richard Seymer, the Popham "preacher." In England, as already noted in Appendix III, the spelling *Seymer* prevailed in the Colonist's family, and in the first two American generations, the name was usually spelled *Seymer, Seamer,* or *Semer.*

It is worthy of note that William Strachey spelled the preacher's name *Seymer.* Strachey was an educated gentleman, hence the spelling employed carries more weight than would the phonetic vagaries of half-literate scribes. Furthermore, he wrote of the Popham expedition with such minute detail that, not being himself a member of the colony, he must surely have had before him a contemporary written account or diary. Strachey's spelling of the name is therefore an additional piece of evidence for identifying Richard Seymer of Maine with Richard Seymer of Handford, Dorset, the Oxford graduate.

The entire subsequent career of Richard Seymer shows that through influential connections he obtained secretarial posts with the great or the near-great, serving in such capacities Sir Henry Wotton and the Earl of Northampton. We may hazard the guess, therefore, that he came with the Popham expedition as secretary to its leader, George Popham, which explains not only his services as preacher, but also his elevation to the Council of President Popham. In that capacity, he may have taken notes of the Council meetings and orders as colonial secretary, and it may indeed have been Seymer's own notes which Strachey had before him when he wrote his account.

We append what little is known of Seymer's career. He was born about 1584, but we lack a record of his baptism because the Handford registers do not begin until 1669. He was third son of John Seymer (will proved 1611) by his wife, Agnes Rawles (will proved 1623), and was one of a family of four sons and nine daughters. His eldest brother, Sir Robert Seymer of Hanford, Knight, matriculated at Oxford in 1589, became one of the Tellers of the Exchequer, and died in 1624. Richard matriculated at Oxford in 1599, at the age of fifteen; was a student of Middle Temple, 1602; and, if we mistake not, joined the Popham expedition of 1607.

After the death of George Popham, most of the members of his Colony returned to England. The next we hear of Richard Seymer was 1617-1619, when he was Secretary to Sir Henry Wotton, Ambassador to Venice, famed in his day as a poet, wit and diplomat. He is chiefly remembered as a wit by his punning remark that an ambassador is one sent to *lie abroad* for the good of his country; and as a poet by his immortal lines *To the Queen of Bohemia.* During this period, Seymer wrote letters to his brother, Sir Robert Seymer, and eight of his letters are preserved at the British Museum.

From the fact that Seymer's only child was still a minor when he made his will in 1641, it is inferred that he did not marry until he was over thirty-five, and possibly not until he was over forty. After his return from the Continent, he secured a post, probably as Secretary, with the Earl of Northampton, and lived in London. His wife was a member of the Washington family.

His will, made 13 April 1641, proved 31 May 1641, calls him Richard Seymor of St. Mary's Savoy alias Strand, Co. Middlesex, gentleman, and mentions his wife Mrs. Jane Seymor, "Mrs. Margaret Washington my wife's mother," and nephew Lawrence Sweetman, gent. The chief legatee was his son Spencer Seymor; Mr. Lawrence Sweetman "my nephew" to be guardian to "my son" during his minority. As supervisors he appointed "the Earl of Northampton my Noble Lord and Master," and "my brother in law Arthur Squibb Esquire one of the four tellers of the Exchequer."

Since a Visitation pedigree of the Dorsetshire Seymers shows that one of the sisters of Richard Seymer married Arthur Squibb and that another of them married Lawrence "Swetenham" (of which "Sweetman" is apparently a corruption), the identity of Richard Seymor of the London will of 1641 is positively established.

Thus ended the career of Richard Seymer who, if our conjecture

is correct, while a pious but adventurous young university graduate, embarked on the memorable voyage with George Popham which made him the pioneer preacher of New England, and gave priority here to the Episcopalian over the Non-conformist way of worshiping God.

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NOTE A: LETTERS OF RICHARD SEYMER

Photostatic copies were obtained through the courtesy of the British Museum, of eight letters of Richard Seymer, seven of which were written to his brother, Sir Robert Seymer, between 24 Aug. 1613 and 21 Mar. 1614/15; the eighth was written to an unknown correspondent, 16 Apr. 1619. No direct or implied references were found to his American adventure, but the letters give us a picture of a sober-minded young man, interested in current events, and attending seriously to his affairs. His taste in clothes was conservative, for in the first letter he wishes the color of the broadcloth his brother sent him had been sadder. The eighth letter is the most revealing. His correspondent had asked him to inquire about an Englishman sojourning in Italy, and he made a disapproving report of Sir William's amours, yet wished to have the information considered confidential, "for I haue binn curiouse euer that my pen should doe noe ill offices."

Although inconclusive as evidence, the letters picture Richard Seymer the careerist, as a serious youth and a devout Protestant, not at all out of harmony with the belief that he had served the Popham Colony as "preacher." A brief description of each letter is appended.

I. Paris, 24 Nov. (stilo novo) 1613. To brother. Received letter and broadcloth. Would have preferred the color "sadder." Wishes to leave Paris and winter at Bourges. "Since your last tre [letter] I haue noe desyre to sequester my self (as I determined before) so farr out of the waye onely nowe I haue a desyre to winter at Bourges where I can liue for six crownes a moneth." [Apparently he was in France, on the bounty of his brother, Sir Robert Seymer, to learn the language; he obtained the post with his "Lordship" largely through his brother's influence.] "I haue not had my health . . . . so parfaitly as I was wont." Mentions "my brother Squibbes at westminster." He had sent gloves to his sister [his brother's wife]. My duty to my mother, and best love to yourself and my sister.

II. The Haghe, 21 Mar. 1614. To brother, mostly about "my Lordship." Seymer had asked for secretaryship, and had been answered graciously by his Lordship. He has received letter from brother, also one from Mr. Walgraue. Duty to mother, etc.

III. The Haghe, 17 Aug. 1614. To brother. Pleasant passage by sea to "Rhotrodam." "My Lordship" mentioned,—we are likely to spend the winter here at his expense. Peace or war uncertain. A long letter, concerned largely with politics. Closes like the first letter.

IV. The Haghe, last of Aug. 1614. To brother. All politics. He has enclosed a tre [letter] to "my mother in my brother Squibbes tre" [letter].

V. The Haghe, 8 Sept. 1614. To brother. A long letter, all politics; "best loue to your self and my syster your wife."

VI. Zanten, 12 Oct. 1614. To brother. All politics. Duty to mother, "love to your self and my syster your wife."

VII. Zanten, 4 Nov. 1614. To brother. Mentions my tre [letter] of 29 Oct. [not in the collection]. Short letter, about politics, concluded in haste.

VIII. Venice, 16 Apr. 1619. To whom written, does not appear; the letter begins "Sir," and is signed "Youre poore freinde and servant." Arrived in Venice 8 Apr. (English style). He made inquiry, at correspondent's request, about Sir William Pope. Pope and his brother were at Sienna, and going to *Rome*, "so add a payre of Popes more to that Babilon." They would not return while their father lived. "Sr William much discontented at his match, and careless in all his discourses of his Ladie . . . . he is noe niggard of his flesh in thoase partes, neither curiouse in choosinge, but contentes his appetite with fayre, and fowle, of all ages, and complections, and hath lett himself loose without distinction." He cautions his correspondent to keep his report private, "for I haue binn curiouse euer that my pen should doe noe ill offices."

NOTE B: WOTTON'S FAMOUS LYRIC

On His Mistress, the Queen of Bohemia

You meaner *Beauties* of the *Night*,
That poorly satisfie our *Eyes*
More by your *number*, than your *light*,
You *Common people* of the *Skies*;
What are you when the *Sun* shall rise?

You curious Chanters of the Wood,
That warble forth *Dame Natures* layes,
Thinking your *Voices* understood
By your weak *accents*; what's your praise
When *Philomel* her voice shall raise?

You *Violets*, that first appear
By your *pure purple mantles* known,
Like the proud *Virgins* of the *year*,
As if the *Spring* were all your own;
What are you when the *Rose is blown*?

So, when *my Mistress* shall be seen
In *Form* and *Beauty* of her *mind*,
By *Vertue* first, then *Choice a Queen*,
Tell me, if *she* were not design'd
Th' *Eclipse* and *Glory* of her kind?

—Sir Henry Wotton
Reliquiae Wottonianae, 1651.

NOTE C: THE BERKELEY COLLEGE FLAGON

A Belated Memorial to Richard the Chaplain

October 6, 1937

The President and Fellows of Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to present to Berkeley College in Yale University a hand-wrought silver flagon, to be known as the "Berkeley College Flagon," copied from an English piece of 1725 presented by Bishop Berkeley, before his return to England in 1731, to his friend, the Hon. Daniel Updike, of Newport. The original flagon has been held as a precious heirloom in the Updike family until recently, when it passed into the possession of Trinity Church, Newport, with which both Bishop Berkeley and Mr. Updike were affiliated. The copy has been made by two expert craftsmen under the direction of Mr. Arthur J. Stone, dean of American silversmiths. The inscription was designed with careful attention to early eighteenth-century engraving by Secretary Lohmann and Professor Phillips, curator of silver in the Yale School of the Fine Arts. The engraving has been executed by Ensco of New York. The inscription is as follows:

The Berkeley College Flagon
The original made 1725 given by George Berkeley, Dean of Derry, afterwards Bishop of Cloyne, to the Hon. Daniel Updike, of Newport. This enlarged copy given 1937, to Berkeley College, by George Dudley Seymour, M.A., Associate Fellow, in memory of Richard Seymer, Chaplain of Fort Popham [Maine], 1607.

Richard Seymer, the Chaplain, referred to in the inscription, is an interesting figure to all American churchmen in particular because he was using the ritual of the Church of England in New England some thirteen years before the arrival of the *Mayflower*. President Seymour's classmate, Mr. Donald Lines Jacobus, has prepared an account of Richard the Chaplain for filing in the archives of Berkeley College.

I need hardly apologize for going into these many particulars over a relatively unimportant gift, for such small details are "meat" for the antiquarian brotherhood.

I am, with great respect, Gentlemen,

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Geo. Dudley Seymour.

APPENDIX V

THE FIRST MAYOR OF HARTFORD WELCOMES PRESIDENT WASHINGTON

Copied from *The Connecticut Courant and Weekly Intelligencer*, No. 1292, Monday, October 26, 1789, page 3.

Hartford, Oct. 26.

The Illustrious PRESIDENT of the United States with his Suite, arrived in this City on Monday last [Oct. 19], escorted by the Governor's Troop of Horse Guards, dressed in an elegant uniform, and by a large number of Gentlemen on horseback. Tuesday he spent the day in town—went to view the various branches of the Woolen Manufacture; and expressed great satisfaction at the progress which had been made in that useful undertaking. On Wednesday, he proceeded on his tour to the Eastern States. The Corporation expressed their own sentiments and those of their fellow-citizens in the following address.

To the President of the United States.

Sir,

The Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Hartford, beg leave most respectfully to congratulate the President of the United States on his accession to the high office of Chief Magistrate; and with cordial hearts to welcome his arrival in this City.

We feel ourselves bound by every tie of duty and patriotism to acknowledge in common with the people of America, our gratitude for your signal and disinterested services during the late war; by which the citizens of the United States have been protected in their claims for liberty and independence.—That you have been pleased to relinquish the pleasures of retirement, to ensure by a wise administration, the continuance of those blessings to the people.—Also to profess our sincere attachment to your person, and determination to support the honor and welfare of your government.

THOMAS SEYMOUR, Mayor.

To which the President was pleased to return the following Answer.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of Hartford.

Gentlemen,

Grateful for the favourable disposition discovered towards me in your address, I receive your congratulations with pleasure, and I thank your goodness with sincerity.

The indulgent partiality, with which my fellow-citizens are pleased to regard my public services, is the most acceptable compensation they can receive, and amply rewards them.

While industry gives an assurance of plenty, and respect for the laws maintains the harmony of society, there is every reason to hope for the individual happiness of our citizens, and the dignity of our government, in conduct like yours.

G. WASHINGTON.

Hartford, October 21, 1789.

APPENDIX VI

THE "GALLANT LEDYARD" AND YOUNG WILLIAM SEYMOUR

In the eighteenth century annals of Hartford, the names of Seymour and Ledyard are often associated. When John Ledyard, Esq., removed, after the death of his wife, from New London to Hartford, where his daughter Mary, the wife of Colonel Thomas Seymour, was living, his grandson and namesake, John Ledyard, the Traveler, lived for a season with his grandfather Ledyard and attended the Latin or Grammar School founded in the first days of the Colony by Governor Hopkins, and also for a season was a student in the office of his uncle by marriage, the First Mayor. Interested in family history almost from birth, if I may say so, as well as an antiquarian, I was a frequent visitor during my school days (1874-78) in Hartford in the rooms of the Connecticut Historical Society in the Wadsworth Atheneum. I recall even to-day the thrill I used to have in looking at the "bloody shirt" of the "Gallant Ledyard," with a hole in the breast, behind the glass of a simple cabinet which formed its reliquary. It is a wonderment to me to-day that the tragical story of the "Gallant Ledyard" has almost faded out of the pages of our history. Indeed, I might have forgotten those boyhood impressions, save for the fact that the "Gallant Ledyard" was so close to the Hartford Seymours.

As I got the story, at the time of Arnold's invasion of New London in September, 1781, Colonel Ledyard hastily got together a small band of patriots—153 according to one account—who hastened over to Groton to defend Fort Griswold, which had been allowed to fall into decay. The British, meanwhile, had landed some 800 troops under Colonel Bromfield, who immediately attacked and overwhelmed the little fort with its feeble garrison. The British fairly swarmed over the ramparts and Colonel Ledyard had no alternative but to surrender. Bromfield came into the center of the fort and called out, "Who commands this fort?" Ledyard came forward and, handing his sword with a bow to Bromfield, said, "I did once but you do now," whereupon Bromfield seized the sword by its hilt and drove it face to face through Ledyard's breast, who fell dead at his feet—with his own sword (it may be seen to-day in the New London Public Library)

in his heart. During the World War, much was said about *German* atrocities.

It so happened that William Seymour (1758-1843, Yale Coll. 1779), of Hartford, was in New London the very morning of Benedict Arnold's invasion of the town on September 6, 1781. He was there only the day before for the festivities attendant on the marriage of his brother, Thomas Youngs Seymour, to his own first cousin, Mary Anne Ledyard, a daughter of Colonel William Ledyard, who was brutally murdered, as described, the day after his daughter's marriage, in the defense of Fort Griswold. According to Miss Talcott, on the morning of that fatal day, when Colonel Ledyard was preparing to lead his small group of men to the defense of the fort, young Seymour begged his Uncle William to let him go along. Uncle William acquiesced, and so the young man did his part in the defense of the fort, during which one of his knees was so shattered by a ball that the amputation of the leg above the knee was necessary, crippling young Seymour for life. He also received fourteen bayonet wounds. Miss Talcott told me that on account of his social position, the young man was the only *American* of all the wounded who received attention from the British medical staff. He so far recovered, however, as to engage in mercantile life, and lived on to be eighty-five years old. He was never married. (See Dexter's "Yale Biographies," Fourth Series, p. 126.)—G. D. S.

APPENDIX VII

SEYMOUR MEMORIALS

The name, Richard Seymour, has a place on the Founders Monument in the First Church burying ground in Hartford. He died and was buried in Norwalk, but no stone marks his grave. Many members of the family were buried in the First Church Yard in Hartford, and a few simple memorials remain, notably that of John Seymour, Richard's grandson, illustrated herein.

Miss Mary Kingsbury Talcott transcribed the sexton's list of burials in the old burial ground from 1750 to 1806, and these records were published by her in three installments in volume 4 of The Connecticut Quarterly, and nine further installments in volume 5 of its successor, The Connecticut Magazine.

Some of the Seymours were prominently identified with the Second Church for two hundred years, and they were buried in the South Yard, which suffered terribly from the vandals until too recent years, when it was placed in the hands of the Park Commission and is now kept locked. The author visited the yard in 1936 and was shocked to find that the Seymour memorials had been desecrated and broken. The First Mayor of Hartford was buried there, but has no monument. Of his children, there are stones to his son, Major Henry Seymour, to his son, Thomas Youngs Seymour, and to his daughter, the beautiful Mary Juliana Seymour, as well as to the latter's husband, Captain John Chenevard, Jr. But nearly all of these memorials are in a ruinous condition.

Governor Thomas H. Seymour is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, where an imposing monument was erected to his memory, apparently by Masonic friends.

It would appear that the Seymours were as little interested in mortuary memorials as were the Wyllyses.

Many years ago,—about 1895,—my Hartford High School classmate (1878), Mr. Charles Townley Martin, transcribed the inscriptions on the tombstones in the South Yard. His manuscript, in the possession of the Connecticut Historical Society, has never been printed. From this I have had transcribed the Seymour inscriptions and it has seemed worth while to include them in this appendix.

It seems strange that no memorial exists in Hartford of its First

Mayor, who held and adorned the office for twenty-eight years. It would seem that the City of Hartford should erect some memorial to him.

(a) INSCRIPTIONS ON SEYMOUR TOMBSTONES, SOUTH YARD, HARTFORD, CONN.

A small, brownstone monument with the word "SEYMOUR" on its west face. This, perchance, was intended for a family memorial, and perhaps to receive an inscription commemorating the First Mayor. From its character, one may judge it was erected about 1850 or 1860.

Sacred to the memory of An Affectionate wife, mother and friend, Mrs. Mary Seymour, the pious consort of Thomas Seymour, Esq. and daughter of the late John Ledyard, Esq. She died August 27, 1807, aged 72 years.

Tho. Y. Seymour, Esq. Died 1811, AE. 53.

To the Memory of our beloved father, Henry Seymour, deceased May 13, 1846, Aged 82.

To the memory of our Beloved mother, Jane Ellery, wife of Henry Seymour. She departed this life Sunday Morning Oct. 12, 1851, Aged 78 years.

Sacred to the memory of Mr. John Chenevard, Eldest son of the late Capt. John Chenevard who died April 19 AD 1808, Aged 38 years. "All the various relations of life in which he stood connected, Evidenced the most affectionate tenderness, strict uprightness & fidelity."

Mary J. Chenevard, Died Jan. 6, 1843, Aged 74.
William Chenevard, lost at sea Sept. 1824, Aged 25.
John M. Chenevard, died Nov. 5, 1870, Aged 75.
"There is rest for the weary."

Chester Seymour, died Nov. 9, 1839, AE. 39.

Charlotta Seymour, daughter of Ledyard & Hannah Seymour, Died May 31, 1843, AE. 22 years. "Rest in peace."

Isaac T. Seymour, Son of Ledyard & Hannah Seymour, Died [lower part of stone underground].

In memory of Joseph Seymour who died Sept. 20, 1826, Aged 31 years. "Praises on tombs are titles vainly spent; A man's good name is his best monument."

In memory of Calvin Seymour who died Dec. 16, 1819, Aged 53. Sarah his relict died Dec. 8, 1826, Aged 61.

In Memory of Mary Seymour, widow of Freeman Seymour. She died April 29, 1827 in the 70 year of her age.

In memory of Mary Seymour, wife of James Seymour, who died Sept. 28,

1826, Aged 41. Likewise their child, Israel Seymour, Aged 9 days. "A winding sheet and grave is all my stone; It is all I ask and kings can have no more."

Two children of Richard & Amanda Seymour. Ruben died Mar. 17, 1818, aged 2 yr. and 7 months. Julius died Oct. 19, 1822 aged 5 yr. 8 months.

In Memory of Miss Lydia Seymour, daughter of Daniel Seymour who died July 30, 1828, Aged 63.

To the memory of Capt. Zebulon Seymour, Who departed this life on the 27th July, 1807, Aged 70 years. "So Jesus said Gods dying Son Passed through the grave and blest the bed; Rest there my friend till from his throne The morning break and pierce the shade."

In memory of Capt. Nathaniel Seymour y[ ]th, who died Jan. 24, AD 1803 in the 34 year of his age. "Sleep on my friend and take thy rest; God called thee home to make thee blest."

In Memory of Huldah, daughter of Freeman & Mary Seymour who died Sept. 5, 1815, in her 22 year.

Prudence Seymour Benton, dau. of Zebulon & Keziah (Bull) Seymour and wife of Mr. Samuel Benton, B. 3. April 1755 D. 1. Sept. 1831.

In Memory of Rachel Seymour, Relict of Richard Seymour, who died March 16, 1824, Aged 59.

In Memory of Richard Seymour, who died Aug. 22, 1822 in his 60 year.

In Memory of Chauncey, son of Richard & Rachel Seymour who died May 6, 1820, Aged 21.

(b) LIST OF INSCRIPTIONS ON SEYMOUR TOMBSTONES IN "EVERGREEN" CEMETERY, HURON, NEAR WOLCOTT, NEW YORK

Mahalah, Wife of Orlando Seymour, Died Jan. 30, 1820, Aged 29 yrs.

Noah Seymour, died March 26, 1832, AE. 72 yrs. 4 mo. 16 days. (The author's great-grandfather, a native of New Hartford, Conn., a soldier of the Revolution. Removed to western New York about 1810.)

Miriam, Wife of Noah Seymour, Died Jan. 11, 1846, AE. 80 years 4 mo. "There I shall bathe my weary soul In seas of heavenly rest And not a wave of trouble roll Across my peaceful brest." (The author's great-grandmother, a native of New Hartford, Conn., born Miriam Kellogg. Removed with her husband to western New York about 1810).

Maria, only Child of Norman & Lydia B. Seymour, Died Oct. 26, 1853, Aged 22 Y's 20 d. "Dearest Daughter thou has left us, Here thy loss we deeply feel, But tis God that hath bereft us, He can all our sorrow heal."

Lydia B., wife of Norman Seymour, died Dec. 26, 1839, AE. 31 yrs. 20 ds. "Weep not my friends, Weep not for me, All is well, all is well."

APPENDIX VIII

SEYMOUR FAMILY PORTRAITS

Seymour Family Portraits in the Connecticut Historical Society with the numbers under which they are listed in the archives of the Society:

1. Mary (Ledyard) Seymour (1735-1807), wife of the First Mayor; artist unknown. (No. 36)
2. Captain John Ellery (1681-1742), great-great-grandfather of Governor Thomas Hart Seymour; size of canvas 29½ x 24½; artist unknown. (No. 38)
3. Jane (Bonner) Ellery (1691-1739), wife of John Ellery, great-great-grandmother of Governor Thomas Hart Seymour; artist unknown. (No. 37)
4. John Bonner (1693-), great-great-granduncle of Governor Thomas Hart Seymour; brother of Jane Bonner (1691-1739); artist unknown. (No. 50)
5. Jane Ellery (1745-1787), great-aunt of Governor Thomas Hart Seymour; size of canvas 24 x 29; by John Durand (?). (No. 41)
6. Margaret (Beauchamp) Chenevard (1707-1783), grandmother of Captain John Chenevard, Jr. who married Mary Juliana Seymour, daughter of the First Mayor; size of canvas 25 x 29¾; artist unknown. (No. 49)
7. Adam Beauchamp (-1740), great-uncle of Captain John Chenevard, Jr. who married Mary Juliana Seymour, daughter of the First Mayor; artist unknown; not illustrated. (No. 44)

All of above canvases have been reconditioned at the charges of the author by Ralph W. Thomas. The canvas of William Ellery (1740-1812), number 23 as listed in the archives of the Historical Society, is now missing. Number 24, as listed by the Historical Society, is not identified sufficiently for inclusion in this list. The portraits of Adam Beauchamp (No. 44) and the "Lady of the Cornucopia" (No. 24), as the author styles it, have also been reconditioned at the charges of the author by Mr. Thomas, but have not been illustrated.

The portrait of Governor Thomas Hart Seymour (1808-1869) is among the collection of portraits of Governors of Connecticut in Memorial Hall, Connecticut State Library.

Portraits of Captain Chenevard, Jr. (1770-1808); artist unknown; husband of Mary Juliana Seymour, daughter of the First Mayor; and of their daughter, Mary Eliza (Chenevard) Comstock (1799-) are in the possession of their descendant Mrs. H. I. Dyer of Elmwood, Connecticut. The names of the respective artists and dates of the portraits are unknown. Both were restored at the charges of the author.

The miniatures of Captain Thomas Youngs Seymour and Mary Juliana Seymour, son and daughter of the First Mayor, by Colonel John Trumbull, are to be seen in the Trumbull Collection in the Yale Gallery of Fine Arts.

The following portraits in the collection of the Historical Society have been restored by Mr. Thomas at the charges of the author.

1. Eliphalet Dyer (1721-1807) of Windham, Colonel and Brigadier General of the Militia at the time of the Revolution; artist unknown.
2. Jabez Hamlin (1709-1791), first mayor of Middletown; artist unknown.
3. Nathan Whiting (1724-1771) of New Haven, Colonel in the French and Indian Wars.
4. Mary (Saltonstall) Whiting (1728-1801), wife of Colonel Nathan Whiting; probably painted by John Durand.
5. Abigail (Stanley) Whitman (1719-1795), wife of Reverend Elnathan Whitman of Hartford; artist unknown but probably by Reverend Samuel Stewart.
6. Hon. George Wyllys (1710-1796) of Hartford; Secretary of the Colony and State for sixty-six years; by Ralph Earl; a huge canvas showing the interior of the celebrated Wyllys mansion of 1636; see the author's "Hale and Wyllys," between pp. 216-217, for a reproduction.

APPENDIX IX

FROM THE AUTHOR'S SCRAP-BOOK

1. Honorary Degree from Yale

June, 1913.

The addresses presenting the candidates for honorary degrees to President Hadley were this year given by Professor Theodore S. Woolsey. His remarks, and President Hadley's reply as he formally gave the honorary degree to Mr. Seymour, follow:

M.A.

GEORGE DUDLEY SEYMOUR

Neither New Haven born nor a son of Yale, Mr. Seymour has shown more than a son's devotion to the University, more than a native's love and care for the city of his adoption. A born antiquarian, he has studied the future as well as the past of our city life.. He has preached the beauty of order, the harmonies of civic art, the duty and value of municipal foresight, until we too begin to share his vision. And in his eyes Hale and Yale are well nigh synonymous.

(President Hadley):

For your service in making the city which is Yale's home a worthier and more beautiful place in which to live, we confer upon you the degree of Master of Arts and admit you to all its rights and privileges.

2. Mr. Seymour and the State

(Editorial in *The Hartford Courant*, August 8, 1931)

In presenting the Churchill property to the town of Newington, Mr. George Dudley Seymour has again given evidence of his continued interest in the present as well as the past of Connecticut. An able historian of Nathan Hale and other Revolutionary figures, he has added vastly to the popular understanding of the early years of Connecticut and the country. His interest in the architecture and furniture of Colonial and Revolutionary days is as well known through the State as in Hartford, where the Morgan Memorial contains a

notable collection of early chests loaned by Mr. Seymour. He purchased and restored the birthplace of Nathan Hale in Coventry and has been a moving spirit in the restoration of the beautiful Glebe House in Woodbury.

It is rare that a man with the historical interests of Mr. Seymour combines with them so keen an understanding of the present problems of the State. No full story of his contributions to the welfare of all classes in New Haven alone has ever been published. When and if some writer breaks through Mr. Seymour's modesty and gets a full account of all that he has done for the city in helping to acquire and lay out its parks, drawing up its zoning regulations, beautifying its public buildings and preserving its historical monuments, he will be able to print an impressive story of anonymous work and benefaction.

As distinguished in his own particular type of historical work as Professor Charles Seymour, Provost of Yale University, in his, the donor of the Churchill property deserves the thanks and congratulations of everyone interested in the Connecticut that has passed as well as in the Connecticut that exists to-day. A man who has contributed as much to the State's knowledge as to its welfare, Mr. Seymour must be reckoned among the most distinguished citizens of Connecticut.

3. Hartford's Estimate of a New Havener

(The *New Haven Journal-Courier*, Aug. 18, 1931)

It is necessary often to go outside of New Haven to appraise New Haven's values. The *Hartford Courant* stumbled upon an act of one of New Haven's best citizens, performed, as usual in his case, under the shadow of modest privacy; and then proceeded to tell its readers something about George Dudley Seymour. The *Journal-Courier* quoted its editorial Friday. How many of our readers could fill out the picture? We have the passing show, the day by day headlines, the radio, then the sleep and forgetting. What of substance and endurance is being done and who is doing it—this all is so easily out of mind.

To illustrate our point, we wonder how many people realize that New Haven has its two wonderful seaside parks, Fort Hale and Lighthouse Point, because of the foreseeing and intelligent and altogether unselfish devotion of Mr. George Dudley Seymour to the city

of his adoption. No light on that subject can be obtained from the official record. If one relied on Board reports, he might conclude a generous Creator had been hovering over this part of the world, with parks to deposit, and had liked New Haven and dropped two here.

As a matter of fact, the Government would have sold Fort Hale Park, presumably for real estate development, if Mr. Seymour had not gone through the thankless, laborious, time-destroying, energy-eating job of getting things done right in Washington and convinced the Congress that it would be a decent act if Uncle Samuel, having no further use for guns and fortifications, should continue the protection of New Haven by fresh air, seashore, shade trees, playgrounds. We have not looked up the record for some time; but unless we are mistaken (and we ask for correction), the acquisition of Fort Hale Park cost our City nothing in dollars and cents.

Making Lighthouse Point a place of public recreation is a recent act and probably a good many people know that the chief indispensable ally of the late Mr. Frederick Campbell and other of his fellows in the Board of Aldermen in creating this wonderful playground was Mr. Seymour. Without his interest and almost daily industry for weeks and months it is clear enough that we should have lost the last availability of a good seaside park with clean water.

It is not our disposition to go further into the basis for the *Hartford Courant's* classification of Mr. Seymour as "one of the foremost citizens of Connecticut." But it amuses us, as we recall the comedy of human life which we have witnessed these forty odd years and more, to remember the "wise-cracks" which, in the absence of any sane argument, were thrown at the man who saved this city from the chaos of planlessness, and who among other achievements aroused and energized its sleeping citizens in defense of their priceless asset, the Green. When people who, for reasons which were not always favorable to scrutiny, did not want things done, they took up their megaphones and called out the sapient warning against "City Beautiful" ideas. Their target was a man who has perhaps made more solidly constructive suggestions for the business welfare of the city on land and sea, than any other of the citizenship crew of ten and twenty years ago.

But enough of this, while the major part is yet unsaid. Let it be decades before it can all be said. Meanwhile, let there arise in this city a group of men of the younger generation, endowed with such spirit as has made Mr. Seymour's citizenship notable and of enduring

value. Are we getting old, when we think we do not see so many of them as we would like to see?

4. A City Improvement Platform.

(Furnished the press by request. One of many contributed by the author. This article was published in the *Journal-Courier*, June 18, 1919.)

To the Editor of the Journal-Courier:

As requested, I enclose some "planks" for the *Journal-Courier's* proposed New Haven City Improvement platform, together with a description of each plank. These "planks" represent improvement topics which I have been urging for several years.

George Dudley Seymour.

New Haven, June 17, 1919.

Equipment of our Harbor with Terminal-Facilities such as Docks, Freight-Handling Apparatus, Warehouses, etc.

The Harbor is New Haven's chief business asset, if New Haven and Connecticut but knew it. Water-borne freight is cheaper than steam-borne freight. By installing freight-handling facilities and building storage warehouses on our harbor frontages, we shall increase our business, add to our grand list, and so raise more money by taxation for building and carrying on schools, for street grading and paving, for fire service, police service, pension lists, etc., etc.

Creation of a Manufacturing Center on the East Shore of the Harbor.

With our harbor equipped for business as above, manufacturing would, by the operation of economic law, gravitate to the water front where coal and lumber and raw materials of every description would be available without trucking them into the city, thus decongesting our streets, saving our street-pavements from wear, reducing noise and our smoke nuisance, and building up a new region and so adding to our grand list. Thus without zoning legislation, a manufacturing center would grow up in the section of the city where, on account of its situation, the prevailing winds would carry the smoke and gas of manufacturing plants away from the retail-business, and residential portions of the city and make them cleaner and healthier places to live and do business in.

Re-Routing our Trolley Cars, Decongesting the Center of the City and Creating New Business and Residential Centers.

The transportation problem should be studied with reference to decongesting our central streets and creating new points of exchange, and hence new business and residential centers, tending to equalize land values and increasing the grand list. I favor a well-equipped trolley station over the "cut" at State street as certain to rebuild that locality businesswise, preventing further land-value depreciations there, constituting a serious menace to our grand list.

THE FIXING OF LEGAL BUILDING LINES THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

This should be done to give stability to our building enterprises, to pave the way for widening our city streets, and to prevent encroachments by owners upon our sidewalks which on account of the increasing use of automobiles and motor trucks, are more and more needed by pedestrians for comfort and safety.

IMPROVEMENT OF OUR WATER FRONT BY DRIVES AND PARKS.

The great body of our citizens who live here all summer should have larger recreational opportunities, to say nothing of providing better accommodations for Sunday excursionists from the outlying regions. Lighthouse Point should be acquired and converted into a free public waterside park. The proposed Water Playground in the western part of the city should be considered as a possible War Memorial.

THE USE OF YALE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY BY INVITATION OF THE UNIVERSITY.

The University Library is one of the great libraries of the world, and as such, an educational instrument of incalculable value. It should without further delay, be put at the disposal of this community, not only because this community exempts it from taxation, but for the strong reason, if one were necessary, that Yale's function is primarily an educational function, and should be exercised to the utmost and not as at present in favor of a privileged class. I do not mean that the community should resort to the University Library for current fictional books, but should be free to use the Library for books of all practical and cultural classifications. I am aware that the University has for years freely given its friends the use of the books in the library. Those privileges should be as wide as the city. It is said that upon the diffusion of education depends the maintenance of free institutions. If this be so, then the University can make a considerable contribution by extending the use of the University Library to this community. The cost of this larger service would not be great, but whatever it is, Yale cannot well refuse to bear it as long as she can continue to erect costly buildings and build and maintain costly athletic plants bearing less directly on education.

5. AN OLD SONG.

In this free country of ours every man may, if he chooses, be his own Herald at Arms; and the author has chosen to use a plow for a crest and "Speed the Plow" for a legend, both suggestive of his farm (The Birthplace of Nathan Hale). The author's correspondents will recall that he sometimes used a letterhead with the following poem. He has never discovered its origin; but long after he began to use it, he was offered an old Liverpool jug on which the verses were printed with a portrait of the Hero of Trafalgar.

Let the wealthy and great
Roll in splendor and state,
I envy them not,—I declare it.
I eat my own lamb,
My own chicken and ham,
I shear my own fleece, and I wear it.

I have lawns, I have bowers,
I have fruit, I have flowers,—
The lark is my morning alarmer,
So, jolly boys, now
Here's God speed the plow!
Long life and success to the farmer!

APPENDIX X

GOVERNOR THOMAS "HART" SEYMOUR

It is amazing that a question should arise as to the middle name of the Connecticut Governor and "Hero of Chapultepec" whose name appears as Thomas Hart Seymour in the Appleton Cyclopaedia of American Biography (vol. 5, p. 478), in the recent Dictionary of American Biography, and in a number of other standard works of reference. In compiling the present family history, nothing was seen to arouse suspicion as to the accuracy of the middle name until the book was largely in type; and then the author noted that the name appears on the Governor's monument as Thomas Henry Seymour.

This monument was erected some years after the Governor's death, and it has been found that the printed "Ceremonies of the Unveiling and Dedicating of the Seymour Monument at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Thursday, October 27, 1881," includes an "Eulogy on the Civic life and character of Thomas Henry Seymour, by Hon. Richard D. Hubbard."

This of itself may not be considered conclusive; but in the "Autobiography of Andrew Dickson White" (1905), who was intimately associated with Seymour when he was Minister to Russia, we read (vol. 1, p. 72), that he "had read, in leading Republican journals of New York and New Haven, denunciations of Governor Thomas Henry Seymour." Strangely enough, this reference appears in the index of this work (vol. 2, p. 598) under the name "Thomas Hart Seymour."

A third piece of evidence comes to us from the list of accessions of the Connecticut Historical Society through the kindness of Mr. Albert C. Bates, Secretary of the Society, who finds that a gift made to the Society by "Governor Tom" in his young manhood was credited at the time to "Thomas Henry Seymour." And finally, a descendant of the Governor's aunt, Mrs. Chenevard, whose mother was well acquainted with her cousin, the Governor, assures us that his name was unquestionably Thomas Henry Seymour, and that in youth he was known to his cousins as "Henry."

This evidence is considered sufficient by the author and editor, to prove that the Governor's middle name was Henry, after his father, his first name, Thomas, being of course after his grandfather, the First

Mayor. Since it is too late to correct the name throughout the present volume, now mostly in print, the evidence is here presented in the cause of accuracy and for the benefit of future historians. Whether the Governor, later in life, changed his middle name to Hart, for reasons which are not apparent, or whether that name is an absolute error on the part of his biographers, we are unable to state. Throughout his official career, and in letters to friends, his signature, almost invariably, was "Thomas H. Seymour."

APPENDIX XI

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF GEORGE DUDLEY SEYMOUR

A partial bibliography of papers written by George Dudley Seymour in furtherance of his various activities is appended. Many of the papers, being campaign material, were hurriedly prepared. Articles used in the campaign for providing the harbor with terminal facilities are not included in the list. "New Haven" is the title of a book in type and nearly ready for publication, which consists in the main of a selection from the body of Mr. Seymour's scattered "campaign documents." It will be profusely illustrated, many of the illustrations showing New Haven as it appeared in the "lost years."

A Letter to the Sub-Committee Appointed From the Board of Aldermen of the City of New Haven to Consider the Petition Presented by the Directors of the New Haven Public Library for a Site on the Green for a New Library Building, *New Haven Register,* August 1, 1906; also in "New Haven." (A threatened invasion of New Haven Green by a great public building.)

An Open Letter to the Mayor and Aldermen, and Citizens of the City and County of New Haven. *New Haven Sunday Register, Leader, and Union,* June 2, 1907. (Mr. Seymour's main campaign document urging New Haven to adopt city planning.)

Looking Forward: An Address Before the Women's Civic Club of New Haven on March 25, 1908. *New Haven Journal-Courier,* and *New Haven Palladium,* March 26, 1908. (Commended the opening of the Yale School of the Fine Arts and the Peabody Museum to the public on Sunday afternoons, as previously proposed by Mr. Seymour. This address also proposed free public recitals on the Newberry organ. The Art School and the Peabody Museum were opened to the general public without charge for the first time on Sunday, February 16, 1907.)

The Rise and Fall of the City of Elms: A Campaign Document Urging Spraying of the Elms and the Employment of an Expert to Begin Replanting and the Systematic Care of All City Trees. Published in three sections in the *Register* and *Union* of March 21, 28, and April 4, 1909.

The Familiar Hale: An Attempt to Show by What Standards of Age, Appearance, and Character the Proposed Statue of Nathan Hale for the Campus at Yale College Should be Judged. *The Yale Alumni Weekly,* April 3, 1907; *The New York Evening Post,* April 29, 1907. (One of the first articles in a hard-fought campaign to place Bela Pratt's "Hale" upon the Yale Campus.)

Paul Wayland Bartlett's "Lafayette." (*New Haven Sunday Register,* May 19, 1908.) Mr. Bartlett, one of the most gifted of American sculptors, was born in New Haven, and Mr. Seymour and the late Colonel Norris G. Osborn did

what they could to secure for him an opportunity of designing the pediment and the figures in front of the new County Court House, but Massey Rhind secured the commission to do the work.

Letter to the President and Board of The Henry Whitfield State Historical Museum at Guilford. To be found in Mr. Seymour's "New Haven." (A suggested policy for the consideration of the trustees, who did not adopt its recommendations.)

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A Proposition to Restore Center Church to Its Original Appearance. *New Haven Journal-Courier,* December 9, 1909. This was a long hard-fought campaign ending in 1912 with the removal of the paint from the superb Flemish bond brickwork of the fabric and the repainting of the woodwork white. The success attending this restoration was so great that Hartford soon followed in similarly removing the paint from the brickwork of Bullfinch's Old State House and from the First Church, and so on.

Hillhouse Day: A Project to Replant the Green with Elms on October 21, the One Hundred Fifty-sixth Anniversary of the Birth of James Hillhouse, Prime Mover of the Planting of New Haven Elms. A paper presented to the New Haven Chamber of Commerce on May 24, 1910. (A few elms were planted on Hillhouse Day, but none survived, nor the day as a memorial to Hillhouse.)

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This long list, selected largely at random by Mr. Seymour, is by no means a complete bibliography, but it will serve the purpose of showing the range of his interests and public activities. No attempt has been made to arrange the list chronologically, or to go through his files and pick out papers relating to the campaign for the provision of the harbor with terminal facilities. Such papers are to be found scattered throughout the local newspapers beginning in 1913 and continuing for six years or so thereafter.

APPENDIX XII

A LEAF FROM "FRIENDSHIP'S GARLAND"

New Haven, Connecticut,
January 1, 1939.

A portrait (not illustrated herein) of Chief Justice Taft was painted from life in 1929 in the Corcoran Art Gallery, Washington, D. C., by Ernest L. Ipsen, N. A., commissioned thereto by the subscriber who presented the portrait to the Government to be hung with the portraits of the Justices of the Supreme Court. In conversation with me one day Mr. Taft deplored that he had been painted for the White House by Zorn, and for his brother, Charles P. Taft, by Sarolla, rather than by an American painter. He would have preferred, he said, to have been painted by Sargent. I got his permission to write to Mr. Sargent, who replied that he had given up portrait painting and declined the commission with reluctance. Mr. Sargent was then at work, I believe, on his murals for the Boston Public Library. Accordingly I referred the matter of the selection of a portrait painter to my friend, Herbert A. Adams, President of the National Academy of Design. After surveying the field, Mr. Adams recommended Mr. Ipsen for the commission. Mr. Ipsen accordingly went to Washington and, as a spectator, attended the sessions of the Supreme Court for several days in order to study Mr. Taft who, of course, did not know who he was. Then Mr. Taft gave Mr. Ipsen what sittings were required. Before the portrait was completed, I went to Washington with my junior partner, Mr. Malcolm P. Nichols. We joined Mr. Taft and Mr. Ipsen in the improvised studio in the Corcoran Art Gallery, and I made some suggestions about the portrait, all in the direction of simplification. Both Mr. and Mrs. Taft expressed themselves as entirely satisfied with the likeness. In due time I presented the portrait, and Chief Justice Hughes wrote to me and said that he would like to arrange a simple presentation ceremony if I would come on to Washington; but as I had no idea of any publicity in connection with the gift, I declined and have kept the matter a secret until within a few weeks. Having reached my 80th year, I thought I might as well "let the cat out of the bag," and had some prints made of the portrait to send

to a few of Mr. Taft's more intimate friends. I have dictated this brief description of the picture, as I know from long experience how much facts regarding portraits from life are valued. I have been interested in portraits and portrait painting all my life.

Mr. Cass Gilbert, a close friend of mine since 1926 until his death, designed the new Supreme Court Building in Washington for Mr. Taft, during whose chief-justiceship the building was designed and constructed. Mr. Gilbert was taken into the secret of the portrait of Chief Justice Taft and told me that he had designed a particular place for it in the new building, but whether or not the canvas was ever hung in that place I do not know. A Washington correspondent to whom I wrote the other day said that he had been informed that the portrait was now hanging in the Main Conference Room of the Supreme Court Building, but whether or not in the place designed for it by Mr. Gilbert, I have no idea.

I have it on very high authority that Mr. Taft considered this the best of his portraits.

GEORGE DUDLEY SEYMOUR

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Psalm LXV.

York Tune.

At the opening of the first College building erected in New Haven, in 1718, the congregation united in singing the first four verses of Psalm LXV, in Sternhold and Hopkins' version, as follows:

Thy praise alone, O Lord, doth reign
in Sion Thine own hill:
Their vows to Thee they do maintain,
and evermore fulfill.
For that Thou dost their pray'rs still hear
and dost thereto agree:
Thy people all both far and near
with trust shall come to Thee.

Our wicked life so far exceeds,
that we shall fall therein:
But, Lord, forgive our great misdeeds,
and purge us from our sin.
The man is blest whom Thou dost chuse
within Thy courts to dwell:
Thy house and temple he shall use,
with pleasures that excell.

Of Thy great justice hear, O God,
our health of Thee doth rise:
The hope of all the earth abroad,
and the sea-coasts likewise.
With strength Thou art beset about,
and compast with Thy pow'r:
Thou mak'st the mountains strong and stout,
to stand in ev'ry show'r.

The swelling seas Thou dost asswage,
and make their streams full still:
Thou dost restrain the people's rage,
and rule them at Thy will.
The folk that dwell thro'out the earth
shall dread Thy signs to see:
Which morn and ev'ning with great mirth
send praises up to Thee.

Induction of the President and Presentation of the Symbols of his Authority.

Honorable WILBUR LUCIUS CROSS, Ph.D., Litt.D., LL.D.
Governor of Connecticut and Presiding Fellow of the Corporation.

Anthem.

Ecce Jam Noctis, Chadwick.

The Choir.

Inaugural Address.

President Charles Seymour, Ph.D., Litt.D., LL.D.

Hymn.

Duke Street.

O God, beneath Thy guiding hand,
Our exiled fathers crossed the sea,
And when they trod the wintry strand,
With prayer and psalm they worshipped Thee.

Thou heard'st, well pleased, the song, the prayer,—
Thy blessing came; and still its power
Shall onward through all ages bear
The memory of that holy hour.

Laws, freedom, truth, and faith in God
Came with those exiles o'er the waves,
And where their pilgrim feet have trod,
The God they trusted guards their graves.

And here Thy name, O God of love,
Their children's children shall adore,
Till these eternal hills remove,
And spring adorns the earth no more.

Reverend Leonard Bacon, D.D., LL.D.
B.A. Yale 1820.

Benediction.

Reverend Arthur Howe Bradford, D.D.
Fellow of the Corporation.

Music.

March, Svendsen.

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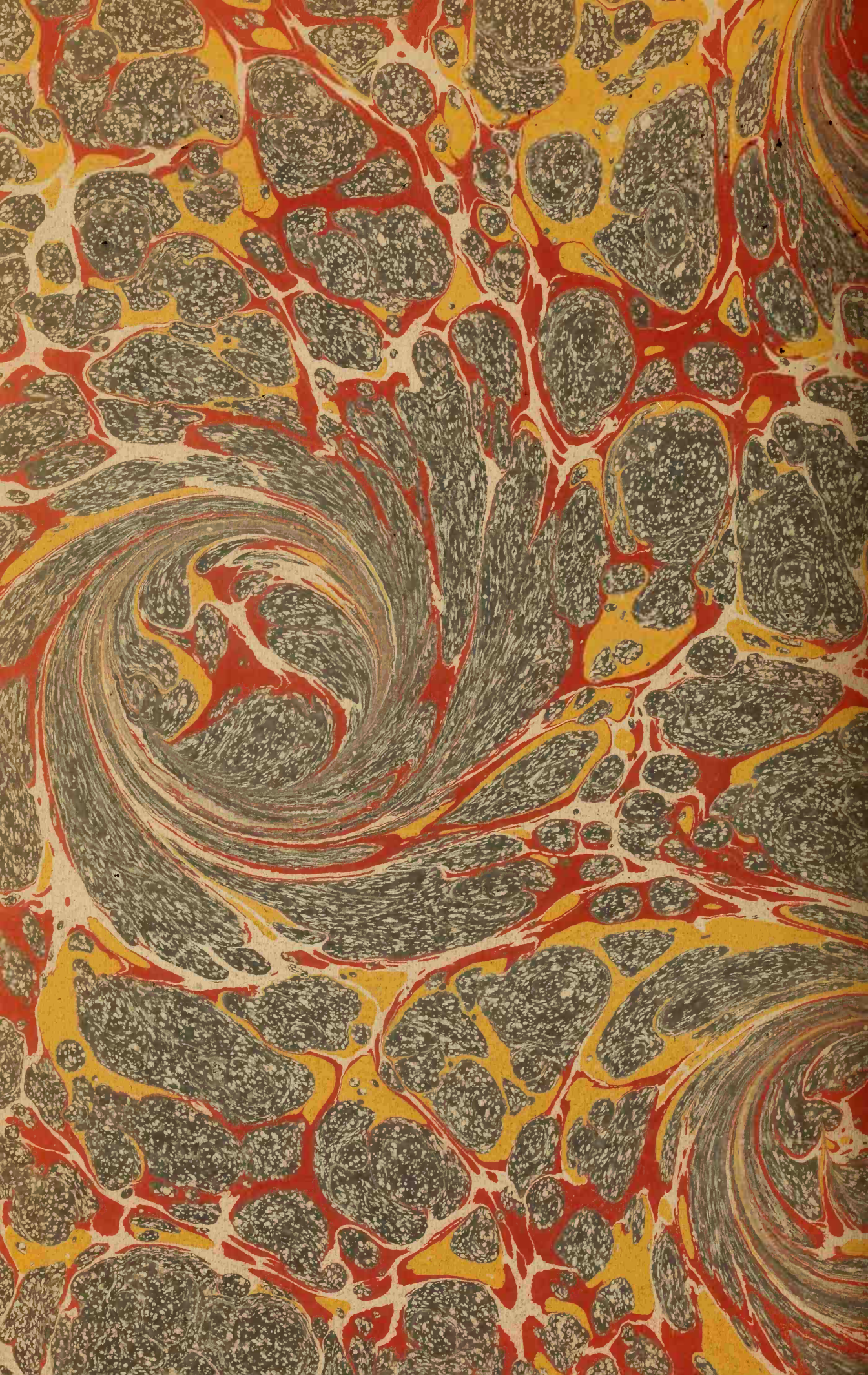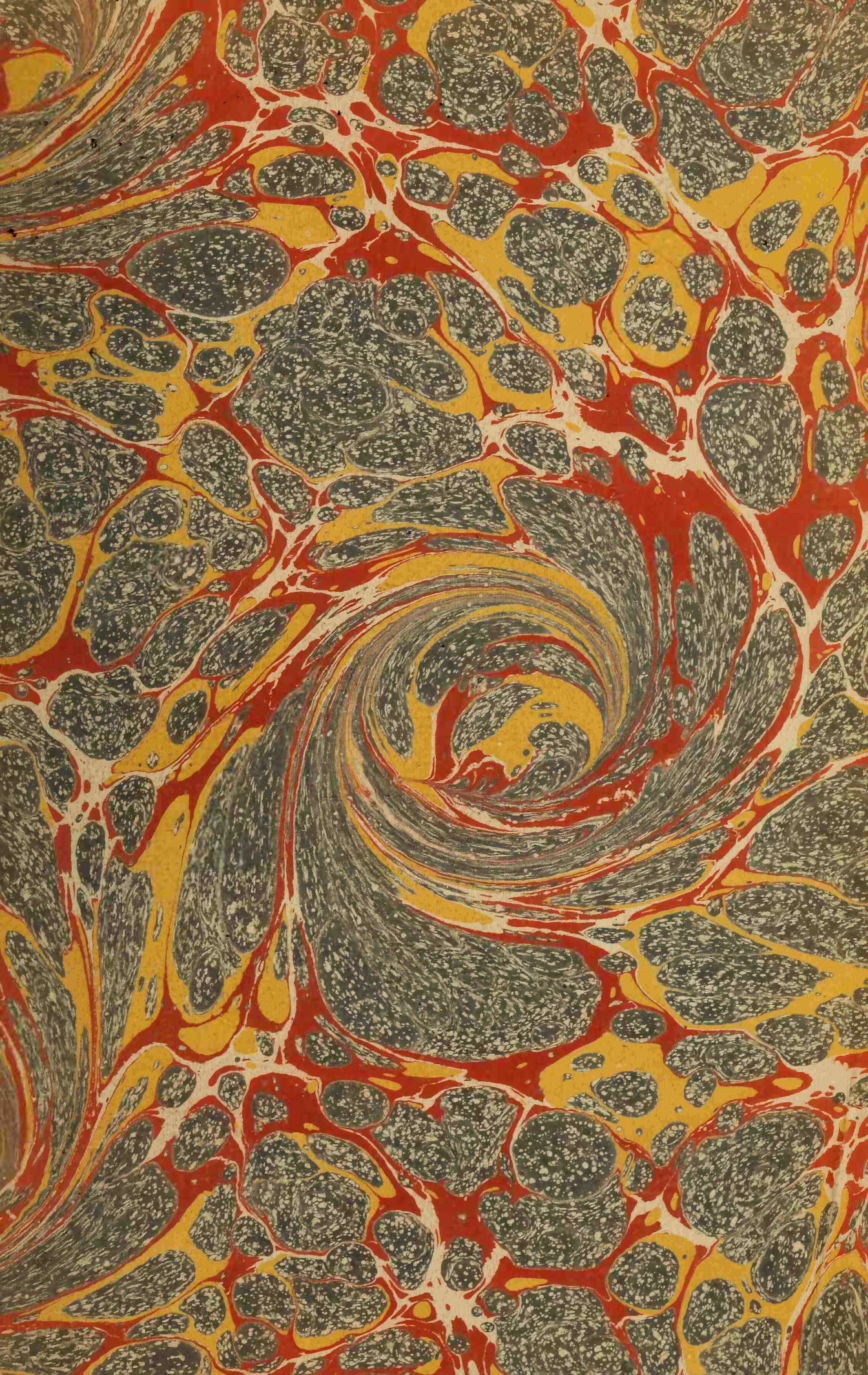
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